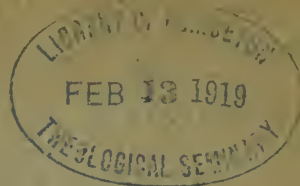


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Miss Jean M. Barr.

Field Unassigned—

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Adams and Rev. and Mrs. Jesse C. Mitchel.

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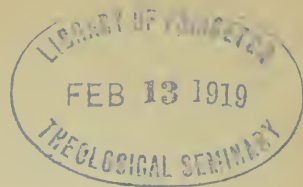
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REV. GEO. A. EDGAR, D. D.
Superintendent of the Southern Mission,
Selma, Alabama.
Moderator of Synod 1918
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.



MINUTES

of the

Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church

OF NORTH AMERICA

SESSION LXXXIX.

Beaver Falls, Pa., June 5, 1918.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in the Reformed Presbyterian church at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on the 5th day of June, 1918, at eleven o'clock A. M.

After preaching a sermon upon the words, "O Lord, revive thy work," found in Habakuk 3:2, the retiring Moderator, J. M. Coleman, constituted the court in prayer.

Synod took recess till 2:00 P. M. Prayer by A. I. Robb.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2 P. M.

Recess having expired, Synod assembled and was called to order by the Moderator. Elder S. A. S. Metheny led in prayer.

The roll was made up and is as follows:

PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL CANADA.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Content.....		Robert Mann
Regina.....	J. C. French.....	A. Alexander
Winnipeg.....		*S. R. McKelvey
H. G. McConaughy..	D. B. Elsey.....	

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Denver.....*S. E. Greer.....
 La Junta.....W. M. Moore
 A. I. Robb.....

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Bethel.....*John E. Wilson
 Bloomington.....J. M. Coleman.....C. C. Faris
 Oakdale.....W. O. Ferguson.....W. G. Adams
 Old Bethel.....O. F. Thompson.....J. R. Finley
 Princeton.....M. S. McMillan.....
 St. Louis.....James Torrens
 G. A. Edgar.....
 G. R. Steele.....

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Chicago.....*T. C. McKnight.....
 Hopkinton.....George S. Coleman.....D. H. C. Johnston
 Morning Sun.....H. G. Patterson.....J. W. Cavan
 Rehoboth.....W. C. Allen.....J. B. Dodds
 Sharon.....E. L. McKnight.....W. G. Thompson
 Vernon.....*S. R. Wallace.....
 Washington.....D. Love
 J. S. McGaw.....
 *Thomas Patton.....

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Beulah.....J. T. Mitchel.....W. J. Crawford
 Billings.....J. M. Rutherford.....
 Cache Creek.....W. W. Carithers.....
 Clarinda.....S. J. Johnston.....Edmund Dunn
 Denison.....E. G. Russell.....John H. Braun
 Eskridge.....W. A. Aiken.....R. S. Buck
 Kansas City.....J. M. Wylie.....R. J. Cathcart
 Long Branch.....Paul Coleman.....John Martin
 Olathe.....*J. D. Edgar.....J. M. Aiken
 Quinter.....G. M. Robb.....
 Sterling.....J. G. McElhinney.....*W. A. Edgar
 Superior.....F. E. Allen.....
 Topeka.....D. R. Taggart.....F. L. McClelland
 Winchester.....D. H. Elliot.....J. T. Curry
 Isaiah Faris.....

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

Cornwallis.....Thomas McFall.....

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Barnet.....*C. S. McLam
 Bovina.....T. E. Graham.....T. D. Russell
 Brooklyn.....R. C. Montgomery.....
 Coldenham.....R. J. Dodds.....
 First Boston.....W. J. McKnight.....
 Second Boston.....J. M. Foster.....
 First Newburgh.....*J. W. F. Carlisle.....
 Second New York.....A. A. Samson.....W. H. Linson
 Third New York.....F. M. Foster.....Joseph Dickey
 Montclair.....J. B. Willson.....A. J. Harding
 Walton.....E. F. Thompson
 Julius A. Kempf.....

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Belle Center.....R. W. Piper.....James A. Templeton
 Bellefontaine.....S. W. McLean
 Cedarville.....W. R. Sterret
 Cincinnati.....F. F. Reade.....*J. H. Finley
 Jonathan's Creek.....*J. C. George
 New Concord.....*John Coleman.....J. W. Thompson
 Ray.....*Wilson Duguid
 Southfield.....R. E. Wilson.....J. B. Cannon
 United Miami.....*R. Hargrave.....L. R. Davis
 Utica.....*D. B. Martin.....*D. O. Torrens
 *W. S. Fulton.....

PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Hemet.....	J. S. Thompson.....	John W. Wylie
Los Angeles.....	P. J. McDonald.....	
Portland.....		R. W. Pinkerton
Seattle.....		*J. W. Dodds

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

First Philadelphia...	M. M. Pearce.....	James Anderson
Second Philadelphia...	J. C. McFeeters.....	S. A. S. Metheny
Third Philadelphia...	F. M. Wilson.....	

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Allegheny.....	W. J. Coleman.....	W. R. Porter
Bear Run-Mahoning.		H. A. McIsaac
Beaver Falls.....	J. B. Tweed.....	William Pearce
Central Allegheny...	R. C. Reed.....	
College Hill.....		George Walker
Connellsville.....		*Freeman Murphy
East End.....	E. K. Patton.....	R. A. M. Steele
Geneva.....	J. C. Slater.....	Slater McAnlis
Little Beaver.....	E. M. Elsey.....	J. G. Forsythe
Mercer.....	*W. T. K. Thompson	S. R. Rogers
Millers Run.....	S. G. Conner.....	J. H. McBurney
New Alexandria....	D. C. Mathews.....	S. C. Patterson
New Castle.....	E. A. Crooks.....	T. W. Blair
North Union.....		A. A. Dickey
Pine Creek.....	A. Kilpatrick.....	
Union.....		*Charles Love
Parnassus.....	Robert Park.....	M. G. Euwer
Pittsburgh.....	T. H. Acheson.....	*J. A. McAteer
Rehoboth.....		*S. J. White
Slippery Rock.....	R. A. Blair.....	*J. M. Ralph
Wilkinsburg.....		A. C. Cculter
Youngstown.....		J. W. Marshall
	*J. M. Johnston....	
	*R. C. Allen.....	
	T. J. Allen.....	
	W. P. Johnston.....	
	T. A. McIlwain.....	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	B. M. Sharp.....	
	*Anthony Khouri...	
	S. B. Houston.....	
	W. C. McClurkin...	
	J. R. Wylie.....	
	R. C. Wylie.....	
	*I. A. Blackwood...	
	Robert Clarke.....	
	R. J. G. McKnight...	
	R. H. Martin.....	

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Almonte.....	James McCune.....	J. W. Rose
Lochiel.....	J. E. Latimer.....	W. S. Jamison
Syracuse.....	A. A. Wylie.....	
York.....	*W. J. Sanderson...	
	William McFarland.	

Those marked with a star were not present at the constitution of the court. Ministers present, 92. Elders present, 67. Congregations represented, 87.

Ministers absent—R. C. Adams, P. P. Boyd, W. C. Coleman, S. J. Crowe, J. W. Dill, C. A. Dodds, Samuel Edgar, D. C. Faris, J. M. Faris, H. G. Foster, F. D. Frazer, J. B. Gilmore, G. N. Greer, D. O. Jack, A. A. Johnston, S. F. Kingston, G. R. McBurney, W. J. McBurney, Walter McCarroll, A. J. McFarland, Jr., R. J. McIsaac, H. P. McMillan, J. S. Martin, E. C. Mitchell, J. C. Mitchell, J. L. Pinkerton, J. H. Pritchard, J. K. Robb, W. G. Robb, W. M. Robb, T. A. Rusk, S. G. Shaw, T. M. Slater, R. M. Somerville, T. C. Sproull, J. R. W. Stevenson, J. S. Stewart, A. M. Thompson, D. B. Willson, J. T. Wilson, J. Ralston Wylie, John Yates—42.

Congregations Not Represented—Adamsville and Middletown Barnesville, Cambridge, Church Hill, Greeley, Hebron, Hetherington, Lake Reno, Lisbon, Londonderry, Muskingum and Tomica, Santa Ana, Second Newburgh, Selma, St. John, Stafford, Tabor, West Hebron, White Lake—19

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Moderator—George A. Edgar

Clerk—D. C. Mathews.

Assistant Clerk—Findley M. Wilson.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The committee on the Order of Business reported. The report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Wednesday, June 5, 11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the retiring Moderator and constitution of the court.

Wednesday, 2. P. M.—Election of officers. Reports of committees on Order of Business; Devotional Exercises, Unfinished Business. Reports of Boards: Synod's Board of Trustees, Church Erection, Control, Woman's Association.

Wednesday 8:00 P. M.—Conference on Temperance

Thursday, 9:00 A. M.—Reports of Boards: Foreign Missions, Central, Jewish, Sustentation, Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

Thursday, 2:00 P. M.—Reports of Committees. Systematic Benevolence, Witness Bearing, Signs of the Times, Covenanter Members of the National Reform Association, Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform.

Thursday, 8:00 P. M.—Conference on Evangelistic Work.

Friday, 9:00 A. M.—Reports: Temperance, Secretary of Young People's Work, Mission Conference.

Friday, 2:00 P. M.—Reports: Board of Incorporators of Geneva College, Trustees of Geneva College, Presbyteries Stated Clerk.

Friday, 8:00 P. M.—Conference on Foreign Missions.

Saturday, 9:00 A. M.—Reports: Committee on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Supplies.

Monday, 9:00 A. M.—Reports: Committee on National Reform, Theological Seminary and Geneva College, Traveling Fund.

Monday, 2:00 P. M.—Reports: Committee on Finance, Discipline.

Monday, 8:00 P. M.—Conference on the World Situation in its Relation to the Kingdom of Christ.

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.—Reports: Records of Presbyteries, Foreign Correspondence, Sustentation and Church Erection.

As no other committee had been assigned to do it, your committee on the Order of Business has arranged the program for the conference on Monday evening. Dr. J. S. McGaw and Dr. W. J. Coleman are to be the speakers of the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. PEARCE,
J. C. FRENCH,
T. C. McKNIGHT,
W. J. SMITH,
J. H. WALKINSHAW.

The invitation to the Synod to attend the Commencement of Geneva College Thursday morning was accepted. The order of business was moved backward one-half day. The committee on Discipline was requested to report so far as able on Saturday morning.

The reports of the committees on Foreign and Home Missions were made the order of the day for 2:00 P. M. Monday. It was resolved that Synod hear Mrs. Mary Harris Armour for fifteen minutes on Monday preceding the Mission reports.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported. It was resolved to meet at 8:45 tomorrow morning in the Geneva church for one hour of devotional exercises. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully recommends that after roll call each morning, the first half hour be given to devotional exercises, and that the members of Synod meet in groups, as circumstances will permit, for special seasons of prayer.

We offer the following program as a guide in Synod's devotions:

THURSDAY.

The Synod—Personal Covenant renewal to Christ, and prayer that His will may be done and His Name honored in this meeting of Synod. Gal. 2:21; Rom. 6:11-13, Psalms 40:8; Acts 15:28.

T. H. ACHESON, Leader

FRIDAY.

Our Covenanted Zion—Prayer that God will cleanse us from sin, increase our faith, give steadfastness in the truth, and empower for service so that we may be in fact ambassadors for God to men and nations. Psalms 51:10-13; Acts 1:8; II. Cor. 5:20.

D. C. MATHEWS, Leader.

SATURDAY.

The Whole Christian Church—Prayer that the Christian Church may do her duty in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the world, so that through her the world may feel the pity and love of Christ, and the present crisis be turned, in the goodness of God, to the speedy conversion of the non-Christian world. Matt. 25:31-40; Psalms 22:27.

D. H. ELLIOTT, Leader.

MONDAY.

The Nations—Prayer that the nations will accept and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, their King, and thus fulfill their mission in establishing the Kingdom of Christ in the world. Zech. 14:9; Rev. 11:15; Psalms 2.

M. M. PEARCE, Leader.

TUESDAY.

The War—Prayer that God will speedily bring the war to a righteous close; that militarism may be destroyed; that all the nations may be made to know that God reigns, and that just and lasting peace may be established in the earth. Psalms 46:8-10; Isaiah 2:4, Dan. 4:34-35; Psalms 79.

F. E. ALLEN, Leader.

WEDNESDAY.

The War Forces—Prayer for all those called to war service. Psalms 121; I. Sam. 17:45-47.

R. E. WILLSON, Leader.

Respectfully submitted,

A. I. ROBB, chairman

R. A. BLAIR,

E. A. CROOKS,

THOS. McKELVEY,

J. M. MILLIGAN.

A. J. McFarland was granted optional attendance.

The committee on Unfinished Business reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1.—The report was referred to a new committee, centrally located, to be named by the committee on nominations.

Item 2.—Laid on the table for present.

Items 3, 4, 5 and 6.—Attended to.

Item 7.—Laid on the table for present.

The courtesies of the floor were extended to Rev. Paul Mickey of the United Brethren church of Beaver Falls, and Rev. W. D. Wallace of the Presbyterian church of Koppel, Pa.

Item 8.—Laid on table to be taken up with the report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 9.—Attended to.

Item 10.—No report. Request renewed and that the report be made to the Board on Foreign Missions.

Item 11.—Attended to.

Item 12.—Made the order of the day for Friday at 2:00 P. M. instead of Thursday.

Item 13.—Committee reported. The report was re-committed to bring in definite resolutions.

Item 14.—Not attended to.

Item 15.—Attended to.

Item 16.—Attended to.

Item 17.—Laid on the table for the present.

Item 18.—Report adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF CLERK ON PRINTING MINUTES OF 1917.

The Clerk would respectfully report that according to the instructions of Synod, 1,500 copies of the Minutes of the Eighty-eighth Session of Synod were printed by the Mirror Publishing Company of Olathe, Kansas, at a cost of \$348.80 and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk of Synod.

G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.

Item 19.—Report adopted and is as follows:

PRINTING AND SALE OF 1917 MINUTES.

..Fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes of the 1917 Synod were printed by the Olathe, Kansas, Mirror Publishing Company.

1,119 copies were sold at 25 cents a copy.....\$279.75

Cost of printing.....\$348.80

Postage, freight, etc..... 37.67— 386.47

Deficit\$106.72

Eleven free copies Total copies issued, 1,130.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

The payment of the deficit in publishing the 1917 Minutes by the treasurer from the Literary fund was approved.

Item 20—Attended to.

Item 21.—Pending consideration of this item the hour for adjournment arrived.

The hours of the sessions of Synod were fixed from 9 to 12 in the forenoon, and 2 to 5 in the afternoon. 2:30 was fixed as the hour for Thursday afternoon, on account of the college commencement.

J. S. McGaw was granted optional attendance.

Presbyteries were granted leave to sit during the intervals of Synod.

Synod adjourned with prayer by J. C. McFeeters.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Beaver Falls, Pa., June 6, 1918.

Synod met according to adjournment in the Geneva church at 8:45 and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator. The calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes were dispensed with. Devotional services were conducted by T. H. Acheson. Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M. to meet in the first Beaver Falls church. F. F. Reade led in prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Beaver Falls, Pa., June 6, 1918.

Synod reconvened in the First Beaver Falls church at 2:30 P. M. and was led in prayer by Thomas McFall. The roll was called. The following did not respond to their names. W. M. Moore, W. J. Crawford, Edmund Dunn, Joseph Dickey, E. F. Thompson D. O. Torrens, M. M. Pearce, S. A. S. Metheny, R. C. Reed, George Walker, J. M. Johnston, W. P. Johnson, A. A. Dickey, A. C. Coulter. W. J. Crawford was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Synod. The minutes of the sessions yesterday afternoon and this morning were read and approved.

The clerk of Pittsburg Presbytery reported the death of George Kennedy on May 22, 1918

Synod resumed consideration of item 21, of the report on Unfinished Business. The report was adopted after slight verbal amendments, and is as follows

YOUR COMMITTEE WOULD RESPECTFULLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING:

QUERIES FOR PRESBYTERIAL VISITATION.

To the Pastor.

1. Do you seek to live in constant fellowship with God?
2. Do you make diligent and conscientious preparation for your pulpit ministrations?
3. Is it your aim in preaching to reach the unsaved as well as to build up believers in Christ?
4. Do you endeavor, by your own life and example, to commend to others the Gospel you preach?
5. Do you preach the whole truth, urging to the performance of every known duty, and warning your hearers against all private and social sins?
6. What portion of your ministrations is given to lecturing on consecutive portions of the Scriptures? Do you follow the custom of explaining the Psalms?
7. Do you give due prominence to all the distinctive principles and Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church?
8. How often do you, with the assistance of session, conduct family visitation?
9. Do you visit and pray with the members of your congregation, giving special attention to the sick and troubled?
10. Do you emphasize the importance of the spirit filled life? Do your people give evidence of being baptized for service?
11. Do you teach your people the importance of doing personal work and of seeking to bring others to Christ?

12. What work is being done by the congregation toward reaching the unsaved?

13. What percentage of your members attend the weekly prayer meeting?

14. Do the elders visit the sick and seek to reclaim the erring?

15. Do you give special attention to the young, leading them into the riches of Christ and instructing them in the principles of our covenanted profession?

16. Do you have a young people's organization? Is it well attended?

17. Is your salary sufficient for your needs? Is it fully and promptly paid?

18. Do you aim to minister to those around you, outside of the church, who are without pastoral care?

18. Are the ordinances of the Gospel regularly administered? The Lord's Supper, how frequently? Are the days of fasting and thanksgiving observed according to the appointment of Synod?

To the Elders.

1. Do you concur in the answers given by your pastor?

2. Does session admit into church fellowship only such as give evidence of a regenerated life?

3. Are applicants upon profession of faith examined with respect to their knowledge of divine truth and soundness in the faith and testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church?

4. Does the session require of those who are admitted to membership, so far as they are capable of understanding, to have read and to approve of the subordinate standards of the church?

5. Are those received by certificate from another denomination examined upon the principles of difference between that church and this?

6. Are those who are admitted to fellowship required to promise that they will avoid all acts that might compromise the testimony of this church?

7. Do you endeavor to exercise discipline without respect to the fear or favor of any?

8. Do the elders severally support and aid their pastor not only in the exercise of government, but also by visiting the congregation, especially such as are sick or in trouble?

9. Do the elders use their personal influence with the young in the congregation and seek to reclaim the wayward and the erring?

10. How well do parents and children of the congregation attend the Sabbath School? How many in the Sabbath School are not connected with the families of the congregation? Do these remain for the preaching service?

11. Do all the elders regularly attend the prayer meeting and Sabbath School?

12. Have you a congregational library? Are new books added from year to year?

13. Do the elders all regularly attend the meetings of session and those of the superior courts when delegated thereto? Does the session regularly appoint delegates to the superior judicatories?

14. Do the members of the congregation regularly attend the Sabbath services and midweek prayer meeting?

15. Does your congregation contribute to all the schemes of the church? Are all the elders tithers?

16. To the whole session: Do you concur in the answers given by your representative? Do you make it your study, prayer and endeavor to watch for souls as those that must give account? Upon the whole, what is your opinion of the state of religion in the congregation? Is it advancing or declining?

To the Deacons.

1. Do you endeavor in the fear of God, to exercise the office of deacon well?

2. Are the deacons all tithers?

3. Do the members of the congregation contribute, as far

as you can judge, according to their ability for religious purposes? What percentage contributes the tithe?

4. Are there any poor in the congregation requiring the aid of the church? How are they provided for?

5. Explain your financial system.

6. Is the Every Member Canvass conducted each year?

7. What is the amount of salary promised to your pastor? Is it, in your judgment, sufficient for his comfortable support? Is it paid promptly and in full?

8. Is the grace of liberality growing in the congregation?

Synod recommends first, that the visitation of congregations shall be conducted by the presbytery or by a commission of presbytery, and that a record shall be kept of the answers.

Second, that these queries shall be used merely as a guide to an inquiry into the whole life and work of the congregation.

Third, that the examining body be instructed to use such measures as it deems wise toward correcting any unsatisfactory conditions.

D. H. ELLIOTT,
J. R. W. STEVENSON,
J. T. HENSLEIGH.

Item 22. The report was made the order of business when the report of the Board of Control is under consideration.

Item 23. Committee not ready to report.

Item 17. Taken from the table. Report submitted and adopted and is as follows:

MINUTE ON THE DEATH OF JAMES RENWICK THOMPSON.

James Renwick Thompson was born in Newburgh, N. Y. He pursued his preparatory studies in his native city. He graduated from the University of the City of New York, 1847. His theological studies were pursued in Ohio at Cincinnati and Northwood. He was licensed to preach by Lakes Presbytery, April 16, 1852.

He was ordained by New York Presbytery and installed the first pastor of the Second Newburgh Presbytery, Dec. 19, 1855.

His death occurred April 27, 1917, after a very brief illness.

He had had his share in the anti-slavery conflict and in the reproach of Christ, which it engendered.

His dying utterances were an evidence of his faith, especially his quotation from Paul: "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."

We commend his widow and children to the compassion and care of our covenant God.

R. J. DODDS,
J. H. PRITCHARD
W. T. PARK,
Committee

Item 24. Report laid on table. A question as to the record of the report of the Committee on Discipline in last year's minutes was referred to last year's Committee on Discipline to explain action taken.

The report on Unfinished Business was laid on the table as a whole.

The appointment of a Committee on Preparation of a minute on the death of George Kennedy was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The retiring Moderator's sermon was requested for publication.

Synod's Board of Trustees reported, and the treasurer reported on the Literary Fund. Both reports were referred to the Committee on Finance. The Board of Church erection reported. Report was referred to Committees on Finance and Nominations.

The Board of Control reported.

Item 22. Of the report on Unfinished Business was taken up for consideration in connection with this report.

The time was extended 30 minutes.

The report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Amended and adopted.

The drawing up of the plans proposed in items 2 and 3 was referred to the same committee, substituting E. A. Crooks for W. J. Coleman, and the committee authorized to add to their number as they may deem helpful. Report adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Appointed to Investigate the Needs of Aged and Disabled Ministers and to Report to the Synod of 1918.

Your committee would respectfully report as follows:

Having investigated the present and probable needs of the aged and disabled ministers of the REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA and bearing in mind the report of the Board of Control presented at last Synod (Min. of Synod, 1917, pp. 123-4), we believe that steps toward proper provision for our aged ministers are imperative and should be immediately inaugurated.

We would call the attention of Synod to the following facts and statistics:

(1.) ANNUITY PLANS OF OTHER CHURCHES:

Endowments for this purpose—

Protestant Episcopal.....	\$8,700,000
Methodist Episcopal.....	8,500,000
Presbyterian	6,400,000
Baptist	2,000,000
Congregational	1,800,000
U. P. (planned).....	500,000

PLAN A. PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL PLAN:

Revenue is from endowment plus 7½ per cent of pastor's salary which is assessed each congregation.

Pays an annuity of not less than \$600 and not over 50 per cent of the average salary.

PLAN B. METHODIST EPISCOPAL PLAN:

Revenue is from Endowment, Collections, Gifts, etc.

Pays an annuity of one-half average salary computed on the basis of 35 years of active service in the church.

PLAN C. PRESBYTERIAN, BAPTIST AND CONGREGATIONAL PLAN:

Revenue is from Endowment plus assessment of additional cost. The ministers pay one-fifth, and the congregations four-fifths cost.

Pays an annuity at the age of 70 years (65 in Congregational), \$500 as a maximum.

PLAN D. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN PLAN (Adopted at 1917 general Assembly):

1. Annuity Department of Board of Relief separately chartered.

2. Name—Ministerial Annuity Fund of the U. P. Church of North America.

3. Purpose—To provide Old Age and Disability benefits for ministers, missionaries, and special workers.

4. Revenue—Rates and Dues of members, gifts of individuals and churches, bequests, etc.

5. Benefits:

(1) Old Age Annuity.

A. Sixty-eight years of age, having served at least 30 years. An Annuity provided by payments of \$100 a year for life. An additional Annuity determined by Board and based upon funds received. (\$400 aimed at.) Total not to exceed \$500.

B. Sixty-eight years of age, but having served less than 30 years. An Annuity of \$20 plus \$2 additional for each year of service. An additional Annuity as determined by the Board.

C. Scale B above applies in case of disability.

D. Widows receive three-fifths Annuity due husband. Orphans get three-fifths divided equally while they are minors.

6. Members may take out additional units on the basis of \$100. Thus receiving upon retiring after 68 years, \$100 annuity plus the additional amount determined by the Board plus as many \$100 as they have paid the premium upon additional units.

7. Creation of a Special Fund of \$10,000 for foundation and inauguration expenses of this plan.

8. Amendments to By-Laws to be approved by General Assembly.

9. The raising of \$500,000 endowment.

10. The Annuity Plan, to be managed by a Board of NINE chosen by the General Assembly.

11. Board of Ministerial Relief is constituted an Administrative Commission to put this plan in operation.

12. Schedule of approximate annual premiums. These rates also apply to additional units as in No. 6 above:

Age.	Premium.	Age.	Premium.	Age	Premium.
21.....	\$19.26	33.....	\$23.68	45.....	\$40.05
24.....	19.40	36.....	26.40	48.....	47.55
27.....	20.11	39.....	29.86	51.....	57.80
30.....	21.58	42.....	34.32	54.....	72.32

The basis is about \$1,000 paid in in premiums up to 68 years in order to receive \$100 annually for the balance of life.

"The other churches are doing their part in this noble cause. What will the COVENANTER CHURCH DO?"

(II.) Statistics of the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Min. of 1917):

Ministers, 130. Congregations 112. Total salaries, \$99,200
 For aged Minister Fund, expended last year.....\$1,451.66
 For Widows and Orphans, expended last year..... 2,601.67

Total\$4,053.33

Twenty-two out of our 130 ministers are aged 68 or over. The majority and far more of these have not and probably could not afford to retire. Nine ministers will arrive at the age of 68 within the next five years.

THE AMOUNT NEEDED.

The estimated maximum amount needed to provide an annuity of \$500 is about \$8,000, or 16 ministers at \$500.

The amount needed for Widows and Orphans annually would be about one-half this amount, or \$3,750.

A total of \$12,000 is the maximum amount that would be needed. An Endowment of \$250,000 would provide this amount.

Or an Endowment of \$50,000 at 5 per cent.....\$2,500

Collections as at present..... 4,000

Premiums of 100 ministers..... 1,800

Total\$8,300

(In 1917 we received for this cause \$4,095.48.)

This leaves an increase of only \$4,000 in collections and gifts to amply provide for our Aged Ministers and Widows and Orphans. An annual appropriation of \$8,000 for this cause is just and right, and likewise we believe possible to raise. The Covenantant church is famed for liberality and would not fail to give very liberally to support this worthy cause.

We note with gratitude to God that other churches attempting an annuity plan have gone over the top and far more in endowment and collections.

In view of these facts and the great need and the worthiness of the cause, your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That the endowment of the Aged Ministers' Fund be increased from \$14,000, the present amount, to not less than \$50,000.

2. That Synod authorize the outlining and inauguration of a plan of propaganda to increase the gifts of the church to endowment and the contributions to the current fund, and designate the proper party to have this in charge. This to include proper advertisement and special appeals to congregations previous to the annual collection.

3. That a committee chosen by Synod be authorized to draw up a plan similar to Plan D, outlined above, but adapted to the needs and conditions of our church, together with suitable By-Laws to be submitted at the next meeting of Synod.

We would respectfully suggest that items 1 and 2 go into effect immediately, and that item 3 be submitted to the Synod of 1919 for final adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. PATTON,
 W. J. COLEMAN
 D. C. MATHEWS,
 R. M. YOUNG,
 J. S. TIBBY.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

PLACE OF MEETING: J. Burt Willson, H. G. McConaughy, F. F. Reade, R. J. Cathcart.

HOME MISSIONS: J. W. F. Carlisle, H. G. Patterson, W. O. Ferguson, R. S. Buck, L. R. Davis.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: A. Kilpatrick, R. E. Wilson, J. C. French, J. H. Braum, S. A. S. Metheny.

NOMINATIONS: M. M. Pearce, D. B. Martin, A. A. Wylle, H. A. McIsaac, W. R. Sterrett.

DISCIPLINE: M. S. McMillan, E. A. Crooks, J. D. Edgar, J. A. McAteer, W. H. Linson.

SUPPLIES: W. J. McKnight, Julius Kempf, E. G. Russell, J. W. Cavan, James Templeton.

NATIONAL REFORM: A. A. Samson, D. H. Elliot, W. R. Piper, E. F. Thompson, J. E. Dodds.

FINANCE: R. C. Wylie, A. I. Robb, T. H. Acheson, James Torrens, A. Alexander.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Coleman, J. M. Rutherford, G. M. Robb, W. G. Adams, Joseph Dickey.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY and GENEVA COLLEGE: J. C. McFeeters, J. G. McElhinney, P. J. McDonald, F. L. McClelland, D. O. Torrens.

TRAVELING FUND: D. R. Taggart, with Financial Agents of Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

CENTRAL CANADA—Robert Park, W. T. K. Thompson, E. L. McKnight.

COLORADO—R. Hargrave, S. J. Johnson, T. McIlwain.

ILLINOIS—S. E. Greer, J. C. Slater, W. A. Aikin.

IOWA—J. R. Latimer, D. B. Elsey, F. M. Foster.

KANSAS—R. J. Dodds, J. M. Coleman, S. B. Houston.

N. B. and N. S.—W. W. Carithers, G. S. Coleman, J. T. Mitchell.

NEW YORK—J. M. Johnson, F. E. Allen, J. R. Wylie.

OHIO—W. J. Sanderson, P. M. Sharpe, E. M. Elsey.

PACIFIC COAST—John Coleman, O. F. Thompson, G. R. Steele.

PHILADELPHIA—R. J. G. McKnight, R. A. Blair, W. C. McClurkin.

PITTSBURGH—W. C. Allen, T. E. Graham, T. C. McKnight.

ROCHESTER—E. G. Russell, D. R. Taggart, T. J. Allen.

Synod adjourned with prayer by G. M. Robb.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called and the following failed to answer: D. B. Elsey, W. O. Ferguson, T. C. McKnight, W. C. Allen, J. B. Dodds, D. Love, F. L. McClelland, H. G. McConaughy, W. S. Fulton, J. B. Willson, Joseph Dickey, D. O. Torrens, M. M. Pearce, E. M. Elsey, J. G. Forsythe, W. P. Johnson, Anthony Kourhi, S. C. Patterson, T. W. Blair J. M. Ralph.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Devotional Service was conducted by D. C. Mathews.

Papers were presented:

Paper No. 1. Report of Women's Association with the Treasurer's report attached was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 2. Report of Western or American section of the World's Presbyterian Alliance, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 3. On status of Covenanter Teachers in the State of New York. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Rev. C. C. Fisher, College Hill M. E. Church, and G. L. Bayhe, Midland M. E. Church, were granted the courtesies of the floor and were presented to the court.

A communication containing greetings for Samuel Edgar, Livingston Metheny, Evangeline Metheny, and M. Florence Mearns, en route to Palestine in Red Cross service, was read and referred to a committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations for answer.

Report of Board of Control was taken from the table and the request for appropriations was referred to the

Committee on Finance, and the filling of vacancies on the Board to the Committee on Nominations.

The Board of Foreign Missions reported. The report was referred to the committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Finance.

Report of Treasurer of Foreign Board was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution submitted by S. B. Houston was adopted and ordered forwarded to President Wilson, and is as follows:

RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Whereas, our Nation has been heavily burdened and has grown weary of the withering curse of the liquor traffic, the ravages of which are akin to those of the merciless Huns; and

Whereas, this unholy traffic is in direct opposition to the spirit and genius of our free institutions; and

Whereas, it involves a lamentable and, as we believe, a criminal waste of grain, fuel, sugar, labor and life, and stands in the way of victory so much desired by all patriotic Americans, who are giving their most precious possessions—their sons and daughters—for human liberty and a righteous peace; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of North America, convened in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, this 6th day of June, 1918, do hereby urgently request you, Honorable Woodrow Wilson, our honored President, to grant us, without delay, National Prohibition.

The Committee on Witness Bearing reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Pending discussion of this item, the hour for recess arrived and recess was taken until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. S. Buck.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2 P. M.

Synod reconvened. Prayer by Elder J. W. Dodds.

The roll was called. The following did not answer to their names: Joseph Dickey, S. G. Conner, T. W. Blair, Charles Love.

The minutes of the preceding session were read, corrected and approved. The order of the day, Item 12 of the report on Unfinished Business was taken up. Majority and minority reports were submitted. The majority report was taken up for consideration, but was laid on the table to entertain a substitute proposed by R. J. G. McKnight.

Dr. M. F. Smith, of the First Presbyterian Church, and Dr. W. H. Patterson of the United Presbyterian Church, of Beaver Falls, were extended the courtesies of the floor, and presented to the court. Synod adjourned. Prayer by J. M. Wylie.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9 A. M.

Synod convened according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by T. J. Allen. The roll was called. The following did not respond to their names: I. A. Blackwood, T. W. Blair, J. B. Cannon, J. W. F. Carlisle, R. J. Cathcart, Robert Clarke, A. C. Coulter, E. A. Crooks, J. T. Curry, R. J. Dodds, J. D. Edgar, J. R. Finley, J. G. Forsythe, S. E. Greer, W. P. Johnson, Anthony Kourhi, Slater McAnlis, H. G. McConaughy, H. A. McIsaac, M. S. McMillan, W. M. Moore, Robert Park, J. A. Templeton, J. R. Wylie.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by D. H. Elliot.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The following papers were presented:

Paper No. 4. Memorial from Pacific Coast Presbytery. Referred to Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 5. A communication from the Mission in China proposing the opening of a new field in China. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Paper No. 6. Report of Mission in China as to relations with the Canton Medical School. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A number of papers bearing on the same subject were referred to the same committee for information.

Paper No. 7. The minutes of the commission in China were read, approved and ordered engrossed on the Minutes of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions for their information.

CHEUNG CHAU, August 10, 1917.

The Moderator, A. I. Robb, being absent from the field, a meeting of the Commission was called by the Clerk on August 10, 1917, at 9 A. M.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by J. A. Kempf.

The following members were present: J. K. Robb, E. C. Mitchell, William Robb, E. J. M. Dickson, J. A. Kempf.

J. K. Robb was elected Moderator of the Commission. J. K. Robb was appointed to act as Moderator of the session of the Tak Hing congregation.

A communication from Synod, dated June 26, 1917, in reference to ordination of native preachers and organization of a Presbytery was read.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of formulating additional rules to govern the receiving of applicants for church membership and report at the next meeting.

The members of the committee are E. C. Mitchell, E. J. M. Dickson, J. A. Kempf.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Commission adjourned to meet at call of Moderator.

Commission adjourned with prayer by Moderator.

J. K. ROBB, Moderator.

J. A. KEMPF, Clerk

TAK HING, China, February 15, 1918.

Meeting of the Commission was called and constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The following members were present: Ministers J. K. Robb, William Robb, E. C. Mitchell, J. A. Kempf, R. C. Adams, J. C. Mitchell; Elders J. M. Wright and E. J. M. Dickson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

J. K. Robb was continued as Moderator and J. C. Mitchell was elected Clerk.

The committee appointed to consider the advisability of formulating additional rules to govern the receiving of applicants for church membership reported favorably, and submitted a draft of rules. The report was taken up item by item, and items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were accepted. The report was accepted as a report of progress and the committee advised to consider further and report at the next meeting. Mr. W. M. Robb was appointed to fill the place on the committee made vacant by the absence of J. A. Kempf on furlough.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with T'aam Sin Shang. E. C. Mitchell and E. J. M. Dickson were appointed as the committee. The minutes were read and adopted. Commission was adjourned with prayer by J. A. Kempf.

J. K. ROBB, Moderator.

J. C. MITCHEL, Clerk.

Paper No. 8. Memorial from the session of the Second Presbyterian congregation, transferred by Philadelphia Presbytery. This memorial was adopted as the action of Synod, and is as follows:

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, THE MEMORIAL OF THE SECOND CHURCH OF THE COVENANTERS OF PHILADELPHIA RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS:

That believing the guilt of nations incurred by wilfully excluding Jesus Christ from civil government is exceeding great; the persistent refusal of rulers to Honor King Jesus has reached the point where forbearance has given place to retribution; the wrath of the Son has already begun to burn, and the nations are in danger of perishing from the way.

Assured that the Lord Jesus Christ, nevertheless, rules in the midst of His enemies, is vigorously exercising His rights as Governor of the earth, striking through kings, judging the nations, filling the places with dead bodies, wounding the heads over many lands; that He is breaking through all opposition to reach His own place in national government.

Persuaded that the exclusion of Jesus Christ from civil government is the moral cause of the war, and the enormity of the crime is not less than the horrors of the battlefield; civil government with Christ left out has become a demonstrated and appalling failure.

Assured that the reign of Jesus Christ will yet fill the world with righteousness and peace, thrift and happiness; and believ-

ing that the signal hour has come for all Evangelical churches to unite in proclaiming the royal rights of King Jesus, and His authority over the nations:

And being further persuaded that the day is drawing nigh when a mighty, multitudinous church, jubilant in her King because of a new covenant bond, will startle the world with exclamations of joy, as it is written: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready

Being fully convinced and persuaded of these things your Memorialists do earnestly and respectfully pray:

First, That Synod adopt vigorous means to arouse the church of the Covenanters in this crucial hour of the world's history to concentrate her efforts upon her testimony for the Kingship of Jesus Christ.

Second, That Synod invite all Evangelical churches to enter into a Solemn League and Covenant, avowing the Kingship of Jesus Christ, and agreeing to advocate this fundamental truth until it becomes incorporated in the government of our country and of all nations.

Adopted by the Session. May 22, 1918.

J. C. McFEETERS, Moderator.

S. A. S. METHENY, Clerk.

Signed by eighty-one members of the congregation.

This memorial was referred to a special committee to be named by the committee on nominations, to formulate a plan for carrying out its suggestions.

Paper No. 9. Relating to the estate of the late Joseph Gamble of Olathe, Kansas. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

R. H. Martin and Robert Clarke were granted optional attendance.

The Central Board reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

The Jewish Mission Board reported. Report was referred to the Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. Referred to the Committees on Theological Seminary and Geneva College and Finance.

The Treasurer was directed to pay from the Literary Fund \$6.94 to the former Clerk for expenses.

Report of the Covenanter Members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association was heard. Referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The report of Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform was submitted and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College report-

ed. The report was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

The Board of Trustees of Geneva College reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Finance and on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report which was adopted.

Dr. J. Knox Montgomery, President of Muskingum College, was extended the courtesies of the floor and presented to the court.

The Mission Conference reported. Report referred to the Committee on Finance.

Reports of Presbyteries were called for.

The reports of Central Canada, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Pittsburgh and Rochester were approved and referred to the Committee on Supplies. Those of Iowa, N. B. and N. S., Pacific Coast and Philadelphia were approved without reference.

That of New York Presbytery was amended, adopted and referred to the Committee on Supplies.

They are as follows:

THE PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL CANADA.

The Presbytery of Central Canada would respectfully report. The Ministers and representatives of those congregations within the territory prescribed by Synod, for the organization of a new Presbytery, were called together on the date, October 9, 1917, fixed by Synod for the above purpose. A majority of the representatives not being able to be present, adjournment was taken until the following day, October 10, 1917, at 10 o'clock. At which time, all the representatives of said congregations came together in the Regina R. P. Church. After reading the excerpt of the minutes of the Synod authorizing this work, the presbytery of Central Canada was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was made up and responded to by all the representatives. Although our congregations are far separated from one another, they are vitally interested in each other's growth and welfare. Their very isolation and remoteness from the rest of the church makes them more concerned about the upholding of Covenanter principles in their respective fields and more anxious for the fellowship and co-operation to which our Master is calling us.

The formation of the Presbytery is already being abundantly justified by the increased amount of enthusiasm and enterprise shown by the churches under its care.

They are becoming more aroused about their own needs and that of the whole church as a result of the bonds which have lately been made. Great credit is due the Moderator, to whose able and untiring efforts it owes its success.

We have held two regular meetings during the year. We have four congregations under our care. One has a regular Pastor, one is ministered to by a stated supply. One, the Winipeg pulpit, has lately become vacant by the resignation of D. B. Elsey. Lake Reno is without a Pastor. We have four ministers on our roll. Three of these are actively engaged in the ministry. One is engaged in secular employment.

Three-fourths of the time of D. B. Elsey is at the disposal of Synod. H. G. McCaughy is chairman of the Committee on Supplies. The full time of one laborer is requested. Our statistical blank was forwarded. Our traveling fund was paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. McCaughy, Clerk.

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

The Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

One regular meeting was held during the year, and special meetings and meetings of the Interim Commission of Presbytery as necessity required.

There are three congregations on our roll. On January 19, 1918, the Evans and Greeley congregations were officially united. The newly married congregation being now known as the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Greeley, Colorado.

There are the names of eight ministers on our roll. The certificate of J. B. Gilmore was received from the Rochester Presbytery and his name added to our roll September 4, 1917. The certificate of S. E. Greer was received from the Iowa Presbytery and his name added to the roll of this Presbytery September 27, 1917.

The certificate of A. I. Robb was received from the New York Presbytery and his name added to the roll of Colorado Presbytery April 15, 1918.

Samuel Edgar was installed Pastor of Greeley congregation June 21, 1917.

S. E. Greer was installed Pastor of Denver congregation September 27, 1917.

J. B. Gilmore was installed Pastor of La Junta congregation October 12, 1917.

Wilbur J. McBurney was, upon his own initiative and at his urgent request, released from the pastoral charge of Evans Congregation, September 4, 1917. To him the wisdom of uniting into one strong, substantial organization the two small congregations located within a few miles of each other, and occupying the time and energies of two ministers, was clearly evident, and the beautiful new \$15,000.00 church building being now erected by this strong, newly united, congregation will stand not only as a memorial of the short, but effective pastorate of Samuel Edgar in Greeley, but also as a monument to the lofty ideals of W. J. McBurney and his ability to do large, unselfish things.

Denver and La Junta congregations were officially examined by a representative of Presbytery this year.

Samuel Edgar was released from the pastoral charge of Greeley congregation on April 15, 1918, and is now doing Red Cross work in Palestine.

H. B. McMillan is engaged in army Y. M. C. A. work somewhere in France.

A. I. Robb of the China Mission has been acting as supply for Greeley congregation since the resignation of Samuel Edgar.

J. T. Wilson is superannuated.

Greeley is our only vacant congregation.

S. E. Greer is chairman of Committee on Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

We will need the full time of one laborer.

(Signed) S. E. GREER, Clerk Pro Tem.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery respectfully report. One regular meeting was held during the year; also two meetings of the Ad Interim Commission. Eight congregations are under our care. Two of these are without settled pastors. Nine ministers are on our roll. By appointment of the Central Board Rev. G. A. Edgar continues to superintend the work of the Southern Mission at Selma, Alabama. Melville K. Carson was licensed May 7, 1918. The time of G. R. Steele from the first of September, the full time of R. S. McElhinney, the full time of Charles T. Carson, except for the month of June, and the time of Melville K. Carson

for the month of May, 1919, is at the disposal of Synod. We ask for the time of one laborer for the ensuing year. We recommend that Church Hill be allowed to supply its own pulpit.

Our aid receiving congregations were officially visited.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the clerk in due time. Our traveling fund is paid in full. M. S. McMillan is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
M. S. McMILLAN, Clerk of Presbytery.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that we have had one regular and one special meeting during the year and three meetings of Interim Commission.

We have seven congregations in our bounds, all having pastors except Washington, of which congregation W. G. Robb is pastor elect, and he has informally indicated his acceptance of the pastorate.

On October 31, 1917, R. E. Wilson was certified to Ohio Presbytery.

S. R. Wallace was installed pastor of Vernon Congregation June 22, 1917. S. E. Greer was released from pastorate of Washington Congregation August 24, 1917, and on the same date certified to Colorado Presbytery.

Hickory Grove Congregation was disorganized January 17, 1918.

Inasmuch as Lake Reno Congregation was by the act of Synod transferred to the Presbytery of Central Canada the Congregation was dropped from our roll.

Our traveling fund is full.

J. F. Carithers, a student of Theology of the first year, is under the care of our Presbytery. Statistical report was forwarded promptly. The congregations of Washington, Rehoboth, Vernon and Chicago were officially assisted by Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. ALLEN, Clerk.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular and three special meetings during the year. Our Interim Commission has held twenty meetings.

There are eighteen congregations and four mission stations under our care. Irving Place Mission is under the care of the Topeka session and Minneola the session of Stafford. The other two mission stations are Robstown and Lieb, Texas, the latter being under the leadership of J. Ralston Wylie.

All of our congregations have pastors except Tabor and Stafford. W. W. Carithers is stated supply at Cache Creek.

We have twenty-two ministers enrolled. Fourteen of these are pastors, one a missionary in the Levant, one a stated supply, one engaged in secular work and five as supplies.

We have three licentiates, Wylie Redpath, John K. Gault and A. W. Smith, the latter being licensed at Sterling, Kansas, May 9, 1918.

On June 12, 1917, W. C. McClurkin was released from Olathe, and H. G. McConaughy certified to the Presbytery of Central Canada, to be organized. On July 11, 1917, C. A. Dodds was released from Topeka and on the same date certified to the Pittsburgh Presbytery. O. F. Thompson was certified to the Illinois Presbytery October 20, 1917. J. D. Edgar was released from Stafford January 21, 1918, and on February 20 installed at Olathe. D. R. Taggart was received from Pittsburgh Presbytery on February 19, 1918, and on the same date installed at Topeka. At the request of S. M. Morrow the action of the Presbytery granting him a certificate to New York Presbytery was rescinded and his name added to our roll. W. C. McClurkin was certified to Pittsburgh Presbytery on June 7, 1918. The Wahoo congregation was disorganized on June 7, 1918.

A statement of standing was given S. M. Morrow on February 26, 1918. This action was taken at his own request and his name dropped from our roll.

R. C. Adams was ordained on July 23, 1917, and J. C. Mitchell

on August 9, 1917. The full time of J. W. Dill, Isaiah Faris, George R. McBurney, A. M. Thompson, John K. Gault, and Wylie Redpath is at the disposal of Synod. The same is true of the summer months and May, 1919, of A. W. Smith.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time. Our traveling fund is full. G. M. Robb is our financial agent and S. J. Johnston the chairman of the Committee on Supplies. We desire the full time of two and a half laborers.

S. J. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

REPORT OF N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The N. B. and N. S. Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one meeting during the year. We have under our care only three congregations, but regret to say that two of these are without pastors. Our efforts failed last year to provide any preaching for either of these vacant congregations. The distance from the source of supplies is one great trouble that these congregations are not cultivated and the lack of cultivation is a loss to the church in general. This summer the service of Brother Melville K. Carson has been secured.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS McFALL

THE REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

We respectfully report that we have held two regular meetings and one pro-re-nata meeting during the year.

We have fifteen congregations under our care, that of Cambridge is vacant, that of Walton rejoicing in the hope of having Boyd A. White settled over it as a pastor soon. James Eurt Willson was ordained and installed pastor at Montclair April 4, 1918.

Second Newburgh Congregation is in a transitional state. Though dissatisfied with Covenanter principles, it remains undecided as to the course it will pursue.

A. I. Robb has been, at his own request certified to Colorado Presbytery, A. A. Johnston to Pittsburgh Presbytery and Thomas Patton to Iowa Presbytery.

We have sixteen ministers on our roll, of whom one is engaged in secular work, thirteen are pastors, of whom one is emeritus, and two are missionaries.

We ask the full time of one supply.

A. A. Samson is chairman of our Committee of Supplies.

Our statistics were forwarded.

Our quota is full.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. DODDS.

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular meeting and three meetings of the Ad Interim Commission during the year.

There are eleven congregations and two mission stations in the Presbytery. Four of the congregations are without settled pastors.

Fairgrove was disorganized on August 24, 1917, and certificates ordered given to members desiring same.

We have twelve ministers on our roll. W. G. Robb was released from Hetherton on June 7, 1918, and certified to Iowa Presbytery. W. C. Coleman was released from Jonathan's Creek on June 7, 1918. R. E. Willson was received from Iowa Presbytery and installed pastor of Southfield Congregation on November 22, 1917. J. M. Faris is stated supply at Bellefontaine and E. C. Mitchell is missionary to Chira.

The full time of T. C. Sproull, D. O. Jack and W. S. Fulton is at the disposal of Synod. We request that W. S. Fulton be assigned to our presbytery for the entire year. In addition, we ask for the full time of one laborer and two-thirds time of another.

R. M. Willson is chairman of our Committee of Supplies and John E. Foster, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is Presbyterial Treasurer. Our statistical report has been forwarded and our traveling fund is paid in full.

F. F., READE, Clerk.

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Pacific Coast Presbytery respectfully reports:

One regular meeting was held during the year. The Interim Commission held one meeting.

Five ministers are on our roll. Five congregations are under our care, each having a settled pastor.

The organization of the Presbytery of Central Canada by action of the Synod of 1917 took from our roll three ministers and three congregations.

The congregations were visited presbyterially.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Our quota to Synod's Traveling Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. FRAZER, Clerk.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

The Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held two regular meetings of Presbytery during the year. We have three congregations, each of which has a settled pastor. We have no students of theology, and none of our congregations are requesting aid. Rev. R. A. Blair received a call from the Slippery Rock Congregation, which he accepted. He has accordingly been transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

The work of the year we have found perhaps a little more difficult on account of the disturbed conditions and the absence of many of our young men, but on the whole it has been encouraging.

Our statistical report has been duly forwarded.

J. C. McFEETERS, Moderator.

McLEOD M. FEARCE, Clerk.

REPORT OF PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since our last report we have held two regular meetings and one special meeting.

We have twenty-five congregations and one Mission Station. Sixteen have settled pastors and four have stated supplies. We have thirty-eight ministers on our roll and two licentiates. On June 7 the certificate of W. C. McClurkin was received from Kansas Presbytery and his name was added to the roll. During the year the congregations of Faith, McKeesport and Monongahela, and Clarksburg have been disorganized.

Presbytery recommends that the money received from the sale of the Clarksburg church building be placed to the credit of the Church Erection Fund, and that Synod's Board of trustees be instructed to investigate with reference to the two lots which still remain in the possession of the congregation.

During the year R. A. Blair has been received from Philadelphia Presbytery, and C. A. Dodds from Kansas Presbytery.

At the meeting of Presbytery on October 23, 1917, W. H. George was granted a letter of standing at his own request.

Anthony Khouri was ordained to the gospel ministry at a special meeting in Pittsburgh November 23, 1917. He is in charge of the Pittsburgh Syrian Mission which is prospering under his ministry.

R. A. Blair was installed pastor of the Slippery Rock congregation on November 2, 1917, by a Commission of Presbytery.

On February 6, 1917, D. R. Taggart was transferred to Kansas Presbytery, having accepted the call to the Topeka congregation.

A call from the College Hill congregation upon A. A. Johnston has been forwarded to New York Presbytery for presentation. J. M. Johnston was released from the Youngstown Congregation May 14, 1918.

S. B. Houston was released from the pastorate of the Connellsville Congregation May 14, 1918.

We regret to record the tragic death of George Kennedy which occurred on May 22, 1918.

The full time of the following laborers is at the disposal of Synod: R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, W. P. Johnston, W. C. McClurkin, T. A. McElwain, R. J. McIsaac, S. B. Houston, J. M. Johnston and Robert Graham.

We ask for the full time of two laborers.

Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

Robert Park is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BOYD TWEED, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular meeting during the year.

We have five congregations under our care, all of which have settled pastors except Lisbon, which has stated supply for six months.

We have five ministers on our roll, four of whom are settled pastors; one, William McFarland, is stated supply at Lisbon. J. B. Gilmore was certified to Colorado Presbytery August 15, 1917.

The half-time November-April of William McFarland is at the disposal of Synod.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to Synod's clerk.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

A. A. Wylie is chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

A. A. WYLIE, Clerk.

The financial items of the reports on Witness Bearing, Temperance and Young People's Societies were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Elders J. C. George, Charles Love, and A. A. Dickey were granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by E. A. Crooks.

MONDAY FORENOON.

Same Place, 9 A. M., June 10, 1918.

Synod met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following did not respond to their names: Acheson, Alexander, R. C. Allen, W. C. Allen, Anderson, Blackwood, Carlisle, Conner, Coulter, Dunn, Ferguson, Forsythe, Hargrave, Jamison, W. P. Johnson, Kourhi, Latimer, Linson, McBurney, McConaughy, William McFarland, McKelvey, McLam, McLean, E. K. Patton, Thomas Patton, Pinkerton, Rose, Samson, R. A. M. Steele, White, J. R. Wylie.

The devotional service was led by M. M. Pearce.

The Minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and approved.

R. J. G. McKnight was directed to prepare a telegram to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk and sent to Chairman Dent of the Committee on Military Affairs in the National House of Representatives urging the reporting to the House of the bill with reference to the modification of the military oath.

The naming of the committee to prepare a letter to President Wilson urging him to use his office to awaken the public conscience to the necessity of looking to the Lord Jesus Christ for His favor and help in the war, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

A resolution introduced by P. J. McDonald was adopted, and is as follows:

RESOLUTION.

That the Christian Nation be asked to publish from time to time a corrected list of the camps and addresses along with lists of soldiers.

That Presbyteries arrange to have the army camps within their bounds visited from time to time and an effort made to look after the welfare of all Covenanters soldiers in them.

A resolution introduced by W. W. Carithers was adopted and is as follows:

Recognizing the amount of work involved in securing a roll of the soldiers and sailors and nurses of the Covenanter Church

in this present war; also the expense and labor of preparing the Covenanters service flag that has been presented to Synod.

This Synod expresses its thanks to John W. Pritchard of the Christian Nation Publishing Company, and ask him to care for this service flag and to keep it corrected and up to date as a record for the future and we will appreciate its presence at meetings of Synod until the close of the war.

We also recognize the leadership of John W. Pritchard in the Ambulance Fund that is proving so successful, and we express our sympathy with all plans that seek the comfort and welfare of the boys across the sea.

The matter of appropriation to Washington congregation was referred back to the Mission Conference.

The Committee on Discipline made a partial report. Pending consideration of this report, the hour for recess arrived. Recess was taken until 2:00 P. M. Prayer by S. R. Wallace.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2:00 P. M.

Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, and was led in prayer by P. J. McDonald. The roll was called. The following did not respond to their names: Acheson, R. C. Allen, Coulter, Duguid, Forsythe, Jamison, McIlwaine, White, J. R. Wylie.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The order of the day, the hearing of Mrs. Mary Harris Armour for fifteen minutes followed. She was heard with great interest and appreciation.

Dr. Alexander Savage, of New Galilee, of the general Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, was extended the courtesies of the floor and presented to the court.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1. Adopted. S. A. S. Metheny and F. M. Wilson were heard as representatives of the Foreign Board.

Julius A. Kempf, Mrs. Kempf, A. I. Robb, Dr. J. M. Balph, Miss Evadna Sterrett, Miss F. Elma French, Miss

Jean M. Barr and R. E. Wilson were heard as representatives of the field.

Items 2, 3, 4, and 5 adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There were put into our hands the report of the Foreign Mission Board and papers pertaining to the work in China.

A review of these papers bears witness to the earnestness and zeal of the Board and of the missionaries in the fields.

Owing to the absence of any definite report from the Levant because of the war, we have little knowledge of what has been accomplished in this field. But we do know that Rev. McFarland and Dr. Peoples have been very active in the work, and the same can be said of the work in Latakia. This we know is the Lord's work, and we are sure he will not forsake it. The conditions in this field should be a loud call on the church for God's intervention. He who opened the door to bring Peter out of prison can open the closed doors in this field. The war cloud that has settled like a pall and enveloped this field may lift as suddenly as it fell, and then we will find that under this cloud our Lord is working out his plans for deepening and extending the work. Of this we are sure, we must get ready the men and the money that will be needed to take that land for Christ. The church should hold on to the men, and lay up the money that will be needed.

As a church, our sympathy and our prayers should go out continually for Dr. Stewart in his Isle of Patmos; for Rev. McFarland and Dr. Peoples as they abide in the work of Christ. And for Mrs. Stewart and James and Miss Edgar, who toil on in lonely service. Nor should we forget Rev. Walter McCarroll, who has remained at his post, even when he needed rest. Nor should we forget the broken families and the workers forced from where they would like to be.

REVIEW OF THE WORK IN CHINA

We owe glory to God for His Kindness and grace bestowed on the missionaries; for the success of all departments of school work; and for the blessing that has attended the ministration of the word.

The sympathy of all our hearts should go out to this mission in the removal of Mrs. Doig, whom all missionaries counted as one of their own. We rejoice that prayer has been answered in the restoration of Dr. A. I. Robb, so that the way for his return is opening up.

Nor should we forget that the time has not yet come to cease praying the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers. And we need to pray that the Holy Spirit would work effectively on both parents and their sons and daughters, that there shall be a willing people in the day of His power.

We would recommend:

1. That Synod hear the representative of the Board, and Rev. J. A. Kemp and his wife, and that Drs. Robb and Balph, Miss Sterrett, R. E. Wilson, Miss French, Mrs. Peoples and children and Miss Barr be presented to the Synod.

2. That under conditions that do not involve the Mission nor the church in any organic union, Dr. Wright be loaned to the Canton Medical Missionary Union.

3. In reference to the request of the Board for advice on the entering of a new field in China; the arrangements for Manual Training and for a commission to visit this mission, we recommend that the Board and Missionaries take these matters under careful consideration in the hope that these matters can be acted on more wisely than now.

4. That Synod approve of the Board's plan for the continued publication of Olive Trees, and we urge the church to support

this paper as a necessary and legitimate part of our mission work.

5. That F. M. Foster, J. C. McFeeters, F. M. Wilson, R. J. Bole and S. R. Boggs be elected their own successors, and that J. Burt Willson be added to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. KILPATRICK,
R. E. WILSON,
J. C. FRENCH,
J. H. BRAUM,
S. A. S. METHENY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Syria and Asia Minor.

Since our last report to Synod the kaleidoscopic changes in the Levant, continuing with bewildering rapidity, have touched the fortunes of every one of our workers in this section of our field. God has most graciously carried safe to the home land many of those for whom we had deep concern a year ago. A party comprising Miss Evadna M. Sterrett, Dr. Peoples' wife and their three little children, Mr. J. French Carithers and Miss Margaret McFarland arrived in New York last August. And the two sons of Rev. and Mrs. McCarroll, who had been attending school in Switzerland, landed safe and well early in September.

Mrs. McFarland, wife of our Rev. A. J. McFarland, accompanied the party from Mersina as far as Switzerland, where she is still safely situated, awaiting the opportunity to return to her husband.

For reasons we do not fully understand Rev. James S. Stewart was removed from his station in Latakia some months ago, and has been interned in Konia. From more than one source assurances reach us that he is safe and well in Konia, and there is thus far every prospect that his life and health are not in jeopardy. Thus it will be seen that we have remaining in Latakia Miss Maggie B. Edgar with Mrs. Stewart and her son James, and in Mersina Dr. John Peoples and Rev. A. J. McFarland.

The Board has been able to have direct correspondence with neither Syria nor Asia Minor. An understanding indirectly effected, is believed to have enabled the workers in both fields to provide for their financial needs. Much work under suspension has been carried forward by native helpers. As the result of political conditions the cost of this service has been greatly increased. The Board has recognized the wisdom of preparing to meet this accumulating draft on its treasury against the day of the return to normal political conditions.

Our most direct medium of communication with Mersina and Latakia has been Mrs. A. J. McFarland, who since taking up her residence in Switzerland, has heard regularly from Mersina and two or three times from Latakia. Indirectly we have heard through representatives of other Boards that our workers are safe and are permitted to continue a large portion of their activities, from every source comes the intimation that they are giving most fully of their time to the relief of the suffering and comfort of the sorrowing. In all the annals of missionary heroism this story, when written, of the deeds of kindness, sacrifice and fidelity, in which it has been given to our brave workers to have a part, will be among the most illustrious.

In this connection record should be made of the fact that the Rev. Samuel Edgar and Miss M. Florence Mearns accepted appointment to the Red Cross Unit which sailed from New York about the middle of March for relief work in Palestine. Mrs. Edgar and the children remain behind in Greeley, Colorado. Thus two of our regular workers have been carried out to a field where they can make use of their gifts and experience among people akin to those with whom they formerly labored. Besides there is no small likelihood that they will meet refugees from our Asia Minor and Syrian fields. Miss Evangeline Metheny, under appointment of the Board of the Covenant Church in

Ireland, and her brother, Mr. Livingstone Metheny, went out as members of the same unit. We praise God for their safe arrival and their entrance upon duty in the Holy Land. The romantic interest attaching to their work in Palestine will increase our earnestness in intercessions on their behalf.

CYPRUS.

In Cyprus the workers have been the same as last year, except that Mr. Charles A. Stewart demitted our field and entered the service of the United Presbyterian Church in India. Increasing opportunities have opened before our missionaries on the Island, so that in a sense the things that have fallen out to them have been for the furtherance of the Gospel. In addition to their normal lines of work they have been able to serve the refugees and soldiers in considerable numbers.

Owing to our inability to send out additional laborers, the Rev. Walter McCarroll has remained in the work, and a rearrangement of Dr. and Mrs. Calvin McCarroll's schedule has been made. They moved last fall from Nicosia to Larnaca, and Dr. McCarroll has taught in the Academy part time. He was in Nicosia from Friday morning till Monday afternoon, the remainder of his time being spent in Larnaca. By this method his medical and evangelistic work did not suffer seriously, and the school work received imperative help. Mrs. McCarroll taught regularly in the girls' school. Dr. McCarroll's report shows that a number of medical and evangelistic tours were made, with no small encouragement. It is to be noted that, while there was more than the usual amount of illness in the missionary circle, God graciously spared precious lives and restored again to health. Repeated reference has been made during the year to the praiseworthy work of Mr. Wilbur Weir. Although laid aside a few weeks with typhoid he has rendered service of a very high order.

Dr. McCarroll's report shows, although giving half his time to the school, that he gave 6,180 office treatments, against 7,800 last year; and 14 visits to villages, against 26 last year, and made 280 outside visits, as against 636 last year. And, remarkable as this showing is, it does not tell the full story, as this year the reports cover but nine months, while last year they covered twelve. Mails are now so delayed that in order to get the reports forwarded in time for Synod it was decided for the present at least, to make the reports cover the period only up to the close of the calendar year.

Rev. Walter McCarroll reports the last year as one of the most satisfactory in his experience on the Island. With a deepening of the spiritual life manifest on all hands and increased efficiency in the school, he sends forward his report in a spirit of optimism. Four graduated last June from the Academy and two others should have passed, but failed in final examinations. On September 24 the school year of 1917-1918 opened with an increased registration over that of any preceding year. "With the opening of the school we took measures and enforced regulations which have greatly improved the order and discipline." These "made for increased efficiency in the classroom as well. The term which closed December 21 was one of the most satisfactory from every point of view that we have had." Speaking of visible results of a religious character, he says: "While there was no real increase in membership during the period under review, yet we are convinced there was a deepening of the spiritual life in the hearts of some. Evangelist Dimitriadis has shown a marked awakening, and is now working with a diligence and enthusiasm never manifested before." In December he "came down from Nicosia and held a series of meetings with the students which we believe were not without definite spiritual results."

In Nicosia and Kyrenia Mr. McCarroll held religious services as time and strength permitted, and regularly in Larnaca. In the forenoon a service in Greek and another in English, in the afternoon a Greek-Turkish service and frequently an English-

Arabic service, and in the evening a service with the soldiers or with the students."

The Board lays before the Church the urgent needs of Cyprus. If the ever-increasing opportunities are not to pass unimproved, we must have a minister to help, and in time relieve, Rev. Walter McCarroll, whose furlough is overdue. We should have within a year a young man to teach in the Academy. Mr. Weir's appointment expires next year in June. As soon as possible a woman should be sent out to take charge of the girls' school.

Mr. McCarroll makes a strong appeal for an appropriation of \$700 or \$800 to purchase the field adjacent to the Academy for athletic purposes. They now rent it, but if sold to some outside party, it would seriously cripple the school. The Board feels this purchase should be made. And in view of greatly increased cost of living in Cyprus it is felt that some provision should be made for suitable summer vacation quarters for our missionaries. They cannot remain on the lowlands during July and August, and their salaries are not adequate to enable them, without undue strain, to rent quarters in the mountains.

The Synod will feel how fitting it is in this report for us to make note of the rare devotion of Rev. and Mrs. McCarroll in consenting to continued separation by thousands of miles, with his furlough voluntarily deferred, that the cause dearer to their hearts than the fondest earthly association may not suffer. The Lord reward them and others who, in these awful times of sacrifice are showing the same consecration for the sake of Christ.

CHINA.

The work in China has been too extensive to allow of a detailed review in this report. Our attention gathers about three centers. In Tak Hing and Lo Ting we have our schools, hospitals and organized congregations. Naturally the most of our workers make headquarters in one or other of these two cities and their efforts to evangelize the fields radiate from these points. In Canton we have Dr. and Mrs. Wright employed in the duties of the Canton Medical Missionary Union; and our new missionaries—the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Adams, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Mitchell, Miss M. Edna Wallace, M. D., and Miss Inez M. Smith, R. N.—have been located there to acquire more readily a working knowledge of the Chinese language. They are under instruction in the language school conducted by the Presbyterian Church. They hope to be able by autumn to take up a portion of regular work. Dr. Wright sums up his wide range of duties in the hospital in these words:

"My work during the year has been the surgical and pathological departments; two hours a week teaching in the Hackett Medical College for Women, two hours a week teaching in the Kung Yee Medical College for men; and the charge of the internes." Dr. Wright says he believes his opportunities for medical evangelistic work and for Christian medical educational work have been largely increased by his transfer to Canton Medical Missionary Union.

He specifically says that his favorable opportunities for presenting the testimony of our own Church have been more numerous than formerly. There is no mistaking that Dr. Wright's heart is in this new venture. He feels that his influence and power for the future Christianizing of China he is able to reproduce many fold in the young men and women he is helping to educate. He has displayed an admirable spirit in all his representations to this Board; and, while he is willing to be guided by the decision of Synod in the final determination of his relation to the hospital, there can be no doubt he sincerely hopes Synod will be able in its wisdom to conserve the interests of the Church and at the same time permit him as the servant of the Church to continue in the discharge of these duties.

Understanding that the Synod desired the Board to co-operate in securing fuller facts as to the character of the Union conducting the hospital, the Board submits herewith the state-

ment of the Mission in China, together with extracts from such letters of the missionaries as may help to shed light on the subject, and the documents which were before the Board when the appointment was made. We also submit the report of the Hospital, in which is found the Constitution and By-Laws of the institution. It is hoped that these papers and letters will enable the Synod to reach a just conclusion as to whether this union is of such a character as will permit the Church to have its representative engaged in the work of the Hospital. We unite in the prayer that the Spirit of Jesus Christ—the Spirit of all wisdom—may guide to a righteous decision.

Since our last report to Synod some developments touching the personnel of the force may here be noted. Dr. A. I. Robb has continued in this country under treatment, never relinquishing the hope that he may be able to return to China. It is hoped that such medical representations may be made to the Board in the autumn of this present year as will lead to a proper decision on the question of his return. Acting on medical advice at home and abroad the Board reluctantly decided that Rev. D. Raymond Taggart and family should not return to the field. Accordingly Mr. and Mrs. Taggart with much regret gave up the missionary service and are now engaged in the home land. The Board desires to record its appreciation of the services and devotion of these servants of Christ and our prayer is that the Lord's rich blessing may rest on them and their labors in days to come.

Mrs. Margaret Doig, who served in the Gospel with rare devotion, passed to her reward November 16, 1917. Although Mrs. Doig was not under appointment, she accompanied Rev. and Mrs. Julius A. Kempf to the land of their chosen labors, and with unflinching consecration she helped in the work to the end. Her praises are in the mouths of all the missionaries. This is furlough year for Mr. and Mrs. Kempf, who are already in this land, and for Miss Mary Adams, who is expected in this country this summer. Miss Ella Margaret Stewart has concluded that her physical strength permits of her extending her term of service until next year. During the year Miss Jean M. Barr has pursued her studies in the Bible Teachers' Training School, of New York City, and it is hoped she may sail for China in the late summer. The need for a male physician in the Tak Hing hospital continues and is more keenly felt than a year ago. Large sections of both districts offer distinct attractions to those qualified for medical evangelistic work. The need of more ordained men to enter year by year into the whitening fields should be kept in view. The call comes from both Tak Hing and Lo Ting for Bible trained women to work among the women and children. And the position of a trained teacher for a boys' school in Lo Ting is still unfilled.

Barring some discouraging features, the work in the China fields has been blessed with rather marked success. We have had on the field 23 missionaries. These had the co-operation of five native licentiates, three evangelists, 21 native teachers, and five Bible women. The number of communicants reported this year is 545, a net gain over last year of 81. The contributions of the native church show a steady advance. There have been 21 Sabbath schools in operation. The total number of day schools, exclusive of the Theological Class, was 13 in which there were enrolled 301 pupils. In the Theological Class there were twelve.

In summing up the work of the medical department it must needs be in mind that the hospital at Lo Ting was in operation but six weeks before January 1 of this year, the date to which the reports carry us. For Tak Hing and Lo Ting there are reported 69 operations, 33 in-patients, 2,172 dispensary patients and 4,187 dispensary treatments; while from the Canton Medical Missionary Union there are reported 921 operations, 1,649 in-patients, 4,526 dispensary patients, and 9,000 dispensary treatments.

The Gregg Memorial Hospital has been under the supervision of Dr. Kathryn W. McBurney. She has had the willing

assistance of the native medical students and nurses, to whose ability and willingness to work she pays high tribute. Dr. McBurney made several medical evangelical tours, and when the Lo Ting Hospital was opened last November she spent a month there at Dr. Dickson's request, where her services were much appreciated. She rendered valuable assistance in getting the hospital started, and especially in bringing the blessings of Christian medical skill to suffering women.

One of the most interesting items we can report is that of the plan by which the new hospital at Lo Ting was founded. Dr. Dickson, ever a zealous advocate of the greater self-reliance and financial independence of the native church, led the congregation of Lo Ting to devise ways and means for building and equipping this institution. It was a bold venture. Dr. Dickson's strong faith was re-enforced by rare tact and perseverance. The reward is a fine modern structure of adequate proportions, and dedicated free of debt. Not only so, but the natives have since proceeded to build a suitable house for Dr. Dickson, the physician in charge. Dr. Dickson's personal report tells so interestingly of the critical situations that developed in carrying through this venture, of the spirit of faith and believing prayer in which the leaders of the Lo Ting congregation met them, and of the way the Hearer of Prayer honored their faith, that we have printed his report in the June number of "Olive Trees." It thus will come into the hands of our people in connection with the annual report of our mission work.

For further details of this and other departments of the work in China reference may be had to this and other individual reports when they in turn appear in print. Their perusal, it is believed, will convey the gratifying impression that in all departments of the service the aim is to realize what Dr. Dickson says of their efforts in the hospital at Lo Ting: "We are attempting to make the whole atmosphere of the place Christlike."

The educational work has gone forward successfully. With Dr. Robb's return to America in February of last year the Theological Training Class was necessarily abandoned, but was resumed in October, with Rev. J. K. Robb and Rev. W. M. Robb and a native helper as instructors. Rev. Julius A. Kempf continued in the two boys' schools until he left for furlough early this spring. Until his return this work is to be in the hands of Rev. J. K. Robb. School work among the women and girls at Tak Hing has been under the oversight of the Misses Adams and Huston, who have had willing assistance from Mrs. Kempf, Mrs. W. M. Robb, and Mrs. Doig. The oversight of the Bible work among women has rested entirely with Mrs. Robb and Mrs. Kempf. Miss Nelle A. Brownlee, while devoting the major portion of her time to the further study of the language, found opportunity to help in the teaching as far as she was able.

At Lo Ting Miss Stewart had charge of the advanced work among the girls and Miss Dean of the primary grade and kindergarten—the latter a new feature this year. Miss Dean says that "Mrs. Dickson gave generously of her time and talents in teaching drawing, calisthenics and industrial work, and Mrs. Mitchell has been a great help in linking us up with the homes, a work which we teachers have of necessity neglected." Mrs. Dickson has also assumed large responsibility helping Dr. Dickson in the hospital. Continuing, Miss Dean says:

"In the girl's school the outstanding event of the year was during the Cheung meetings in November, when the Lord graciously turned substantially our whole school to Himself. It was entirely without emotion that these girls, all from heathen homes, yielded themselves to the workings of the Holy Spirit and for the first time took a definite stand for Christ. Those who have been praying for our Lo Ting girls will rejoice with us in this victory. We had been so burdened because of the absence of fruit for the Master in the face of large expenditure of energy; but the three years of intense seed sowing by Miss Stewart has not been in vain, and we praise Him for the fulfillment of His promise. Do not think that all of these girls have united with the Church, for girls are not their own in

China. With few exceptions a heathen father and a superstitious mother, besides the family into which the girl is engaged, have to be taken into consideration. Only four were baptized. Seven others came before the session, and while they passed a good examination it was decided best for them to wait a little longer. Still others desired baptism, but were hindered by home influences."

In both centers native teachers are being drawn ever more fully into the work, and the schools in out-stations are intrusted under proper oversight to native help. Thus the Chinese Christians are being developed and the foundations are being laid, thus and otherwise, for the independence of the indigenous church.

When we come to speak of the labors of those ordained for evangelism it should be said by way of preface that every minister on the field, in addition to his preaching, was engaged to some degree in teaching. Mr. Mitchell had charge of a boys' school in Lo Ting and of another in Lo King. Mr. W. M. Robb was employed in the Theological Class and Mr. J. K. Robb, not only there, but in the oversight of several outlying schools. All this educational work heads up in the development of lay and licensed native preachers.

The reports show remarkable activity on the part of those officially commissioned to preach. And they had the loyal and efficient help of the native men. The preaching tours of these latter during the years and their constant labors during the summer seasons have brought the Gospel to thousands each year. The success thus far attained have laid such foundations in the native church that were our foreign missionaries compelled through some providence to withdraw from the field entirely, doubtless the Gospel, by reason of its own latent power of God, would come to final victory. The importance of laying more and more upon the native Christians the responsibility for China's ultimate salvation cannot now be too strongly emphasized. This vision of a native church moving forward to victory in the power of God's Spirit is being caught with increasing clearness by our missionaries. This lends importance to the strong appeal of W. M. Robb, who closes his report with words which stir the heart and fire the imagination, and—please God—may they prove prophetic: "If China is indeed to be evangelized by the Chinese, then before all who seek China's uplift, we present the interests of the Training Class, not in the disparagement of other work, but in the conviction that this is the work which represents the climax of the efforts for the evangelization of these people. We plead that all who believe that faith cometh by hearing and that it is by the foolishness of preaching that men shall believe, will bow the knee in a passion of prayer that the Spirit of the living God may be poured forth upon both students and instructors of the Training Class. We need the baptism of Pentecost. 'Ye that are the Lord's remembrancers keep not silence.'"

The Communications from the China field bring the Board to face some new problems. Conditions and needs are changing. Some provision for industrial training would seem to be imperative in the near future. Many who attend the schools will never enter professional life, and should not be left to return to life's common tasks with no preparation for the daily duties of life. The wisdom and possibility of leading the indigenous church to the basis of self-support are becoming everywhere apparent. Plans should be devised to lead to this end. And the native Church must ultimately be led to assume the responsibility for the propagation of the Gospel among their own people. The profound significance of this must be seen by all. And there is unanimous belief that the time has come, or is fast approaching, when the Gospel should be carried by our workers into the regions beyond. In the present stations responsibility can now be left in increasing measure to the native Christians, thus permitting some of our workers to press on into needier regions. The missionaries begin to foresee the time—not far distant—when present centers, as centers, will be worked out. Strange to say, the Board was considering this same question before any

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*Add 2 at Canton; and 6 at Language School. Total 23

* OPEN SIX WEEKS

Report of Dr. J. M. WRIGHT'S Work at Canton Hospital

Name of Hospital	Beds	Operations	In-patients	Dispensary patients	Dispensary attendance	Time given to teaching
Yantou Medical Missionary Union	250	921	1649	4526	9600	6 hours each week

Statistical Report of Mission in Cyprus for the Nine Months Ending December 31, 1917

Stations	Missionaries	Ministers	Doctors	Teachers	Native force	Licensed Preachers	Hedgers in Medical Dept	Bible women	Teachers	Servants	Native Communicants	Decrease	Increase	Communions	Schools	Boys' Schools	Girls' Schools	Enrollment in Boys' School	Greeks	Turks	Jews	Armenians	Syrians	Other Nationalities	Enrollment Girls' School	Greeks	Syrians	Armenians	Jews	Americans	Total Enrollment	Scriptures Sold and Distributed	Bibles	Testaments	Portfolios
Lanana	3	1		1	20				12	5	56	3	1		2	1	1	194	104	22	22	20	20	6	34	17	8	4	4	1	228	501	112	143	246
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	MEDICAL		FINANCIAL REPORT			
			EXPENDITURES		RECEIPTS	
Overdraft	£.	s. d				
Salaries of Missionaries	282-	0- 44				
Salaries of Native employees	571-	13- 0				
Boarding Dep't Expenses	552-	4- 84				
School Supplies	224-	9- 3				
Medical Supplies	171-	17- 54				
Repairs	60-	7- 31				
Travel expenses	17-	1- 44				
Taxes, insurance, etc.	15-	5- 74				
Exchange, Postage, etc.	6-	2- 24				
Church Coll. Acc't.	10-	10- 0				
Incidental	25-	6- 3				
Total expenditures	1992-	18- 64				
From Treas.—Salaries	282-	0- 4				
From Treas.—Field Expenses	392-	17- 1				
From Boarding Department	479-	11- 0				
Tuition	222-	8- 24				
School Supplies	124-	4- 74				
Medical Department	289-	7- 7				
Incidentals	50-	5- 4				
Rent	13-	15- 0				
Church Collectees	10-	10- 0				
Total Receipts	1864-	18- 8				
Overdraft	127-	18- 74				

* 9 Cyprian pennies=1 shilling

representations came from the field. This was born of the thought that a better distribution of the missionaries could be made, and that a new center, in a somewhat less taxing climate, might prove an advantage to the health of some of them. While your Board was considering this question the communication from the mission on the same matter came to us. Does this mean that the guiding Spirit of Christ is seeking to lead us forward? We ask the Synod and Church to pray for our guidance as we face such problems. While we believe insufficient thought has yet been given to the subject by either the Board or Mission to enable a decision to be reached, we submit herewith the communication from the mission and would be glad of any counsel Synod may feel prepared to give us.

In the Providence of God we are called to report the passing of our beloved brother, Mr. Henry O'Neill, President of the Board, to his eternal reward, on February 25, 1918. He was a man of God, an inspiring leader, a faithful witness of Jesus Christ, an intelligent and prayerful supporter of missions, and a rare friend of the cause which claimed the warm devotion of his heart. "His works do follow him."

The time has expired for which F. M. Foster, J. C. McFeeters, Findley M. Wilson, R. J. Bole and S. R. Boggs were chosen to the Board, and Synod should choose their successors. The Board requests that Rev. J. Burt Willson be added to the Board.

The mission in China has made request that the Board send a delegation to China to make a study of the needs of the field. This request is being pressed by the missionaries. The Board asks if Synod would look with favor on this proposal.

"Olive Trees has been published throughout the year, and without expense to the treasury. A debt of gratitude is due the Rev. R. A. Blair, who, until the present, has carried the burden of its publication. Through removal to a field too far from the place of publication he has felt constrained to give up editorial oversight. For this necessary severance of Mr. Blair's fruitful connection with "Olive Trees" the Church will share in the Board's deep regret. The Rev. McLeod M. Pearce, D. D., has agreed for the present to assume editorial charge. If under this arrangement it should become necessary to make some provision for meeting the expense of clerical help, we feel the Synod will approve the wisdom of this course.

A program has been prepared for a conference Friday evening of Synod week.

The Board asks for the same appropriations as were made a year ago—\$25,000 for the Levant and \$30,000 for China.

Dr. S. A. S. Metheny and the Corresponding Secretary have been appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted in the name of the Board.

FINDLEY M. WILSON, Corresponding Secretary.

The Committee of Home Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted.

In connection with the adoption of the report as a whole, Miss Emma M. McFarland spoke for the work in the Jewish Mission. W. J. Coleman spoke on behalf of the Central-Board; W. W. Carithers for the Indian Mission; G. A. Edgar for the Southern Mission.

The time was extended to complete this report. T. H. Acheson and M. S. McMillan also spoke of their impressions of the work at Selma. The report as a whole was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions would report respectfully: The following papers have been referred to your committee for consideration:

The report of the Board of Central Missions and that of the Jewish work at Philadelphia.

These reports manifest that the work of the year in these different sections has been of the usual spiritual order, the constant sowing of the seeds of truth by faithful sowers through their consecrated daily living, their practical efforts and prayerful supplications.

Special reference is made to the good health, physical and spiritual, enjoyed by all the workers, to the constantly changing conditions of life demanding careful readjustment in the manner of conducting the work, the effective house-to-house visitation, bringing the glad tidings into the home life of the scholars, the opening of the Scriptures to the young as the Book of daily living and eternal power.

The members of the respective Boards have shown a thoughtful, practical supervision of the trust committed to their care. The revival to some degree of the old Indian traditions and belief in our Indian field has emphasized the call for special supplications for the workers and the work.

We recommend:

1. That as a church we return our deep gratitude to the Heavenly Father for his continued goodness and long-suffering kindness with which He has favored us during the year in this department of service.

2. That we express our full approval of the wise manner in which these respective boards have readjusted the work to the new conditions; our hearty appreciation of the self-sacrificing, faithful services of our representatives to the colored race of Alabama, the Indians of Oklahoma, the Jewish people of Philadelphia—services not to be expressed in the words of man, only adequately known in Spirit-land.

3. That our pastors be requested to present the main facts of these reports to their members, especially a week or so before the annual collections ordered by Synod, and that these workers with their various fields be remembered in our daily and weekly devotions, as Paul says: "I make mention of you always in my prayers."

4. That with this report Miss McFarland be heard in behalf of the Jewish Mission, W. J. Coleman of Domestic, W. W. Carithers of the Indian, G. A. Edgar of the Southern.

5. That Robert Park, R. H. Martin, E. K. Patton and J. S. Tibbey be elected to succeed themselves on the Central Board; J. C. McPeeters, W. G. Carson and Daniel Adams to succeed themselves on the Jewish Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. F. CARLISLE,
H. G. PATTERSON,
W. O. FERGUSON,
L. R. DAVIS.
R. S. BUCK,

THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Central Board of Missions would respectfully report that we have held seven meetings during the year.

DOMESTIC MISSION.

The Board has paid the supplements to aid-receiving congregations to the amount appropriated by Synod. We have also endeavored to meet the changed conditions in congregations.

Receipts for year.....\$13,931.13
Expenditures 13,443.54

We request for this Mission an appropriation of \$16,000.00.

INDIAN MISSION.

The work at the Indian Mission has been continued through the year on the same lines as during recent years.

The school enrolled seventeen children and the regular attendance was fourteen, the others being in for a shorter time.

The children were trained in the school room by Miss Mary McKnight of Clarinda, Iowa, and she gave them very profitable training in primary grade work as well as some manual training; but through all the days there were Bible stories and committing verses of the Bible and questions suitable for small children until they have remarkable Bible knowledge for their age.

The preaching services and the efforts to reach the surrounding people with the Gospel was kept up through the year.

Rev. Owen Thompson, who had given years of effective work to the Mission, left in October to accept the pastorate of Old Bethel Congregation.

This, of course, shortened the forces, especially on the Sabbath services, and made the outside Sabbath work all but impossible. Miss Mae Allen of Sharon, who gave months to the field work, supplied the lack to some extent.

While there has been an unusual amount of sickness and deaths among the Indians, the health of all at the Mission has been good.

The plant at the Mission has been improved during the year by the installation of a Del-co lighting system, which was the gift of one of the friends of the Mission, and this installation made no call on the church treasury.

This adds greatly to the efficiency of the plant and makes the buildings much safer from fire.

The farm was not so productive last year for the reason that while an unusual amount of work was done on it, yet the drought was so complete that almost nothing was raised. The sales of stock from the farm was greater than usual for the reason that much of the stock on the farm was disposed of rather than buy costly food to carry it through the winter.

The Board held an extra meeting in May to consider this Mission, and especially the form in which the work should be conducted in the future. Rev W. W. Carithers met with us at this meeting, and the matter was gone into as thoroughly as possible, and it was decided to change the work to some extent

in that the school would be discontinued and extra force would be put on the field work.

Putting two women in the field to visit and counsel in the homes and as well aid the mothers in the homes in case of sickness and where it is possible, as in the case of sick babies, to have them come to the Mission and try and save the lives of babies that are often sacrificed to the inefficient care they are now given.

Attention will also be given to teaching the children Bible truth in the home and prepare them by this work through the week for the study of the Bible on the Sabbath in the church.

This will make a change of the force at the Mission, and we hope it will result in meeting more effectively the changed conditions around the Mission.

The Board also decided to send an additional minister to assist in the work, if such a man can be secured.

There has been a revival in the old Indian religion, and in just so far is there a more pronounced opposition to the Christian religion, and we urge continued supplication that the eyes of the Indians may be opened to see the true light that alone can show them the road to safety.

Receipts	\$10,828.61
Expenditures	8,384.31

We request for this Mission an appropriation of \$6,500.00.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

Knox Accademy opened October 2, 1917. At the close of the first month there were 360 enrolled. There were 135 boys and 225 girls. In the primary grade there were 101. An increase to 123 in December. At the end of the year there were 111 boys and 187 girls; total number, 298. The highest enrollment was in December, 451; the lowest in May.

Pleasant Grove began in November with 73, and closed in April with 50. Little Knox began with 91, and closed with 67. The highest at one time was 600, and about 450 all the year.

There have been fewer boys in attendance this year than usual. In the Manual Training in carpentry there was an average of about 45; in the Cooking and Sewing departments an average of about 85. There was less outlay in the industrial departments. Much of the material used in the girls' work was supplied by themselves. The boys' department should be credited with considerable repair work on the school property.

The aim of the teachers has been to impart moral and religious instruction. Large portions of Scripture have been committed to memory. The questions and answers to Brown's Catechism for children have been memorized by the children in the lowest grades. The grades four to six have committed questions and answers to the Shorter Catechism.

The pupils of the Grammar Grade committed all the Sabbath school lessons of the year. And those of the High School committed portions selected by the teachers. A Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting was held by the Grammar School, and another by the High School every other week. Most of the teachers have an hour for devotional exercises Friday. Sabbath School was conducted all the year and preaching by the Superintendent. Special services were held by T. H. Acheson and Rev. M. S. McMillan. At one of these meetings conducted by Dr. Acheson 32 children confessed Christ as their Saviour. Three children have united with the Church the past year.

The Superintendent writes: A record of the visits of the teachers in the homes of the pupils was kept this year which makes a total of 1,397.

One of the questions which the teachers were asked to make a report on each month was: "What personal work have you done to bring souls to Christ?" This brought out the fact that some of them had kept a prayer list, some had written letters, and many personal talks had been held with both professors and non-professors upon the subjects of Christian conduct and topics relating to the soul's salvation.

W. J. Coleman was appointed to represent the Board on the

floor of Synod for the Domestic Mission, W. W. Carithers the Indian Mission and G. A. Edgar the Southern Mission. The time for which Robert Park, R. H. Martin, E. K. Patton and J. S. Tibby were elected expires at this time. Their successors should be chosen by this Synod.

Receipts for the year.....\$8,859.54
Expenditures 9,395.03
We request for this Mission..... 6,500.00

(Signed) S. G. CONNER, Chairman.

REPORT OF JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

Your Board is able to return to Synod this year and report one of the most interesting and profitable years of work in the recent history of the Mission. Realizing that our report is also an appeal for continued support, we wish, however, to make clear just what we are doing, and do not wish to be understood as implying that all the conditions of an ideal Mission are being met. The conduct of the Mission in what we consider an ideal manner for a Jewish Mission, has never seemed to become entirely possible to us. One difficulty, and the outstanding one, is that we have not been able during the year to secure anyone who can speak to the adults in their native tongue. Miss McFarland, indeed, has acquired such use of the Yiddish that she is able to converse with the women who come into the Mission in that language, but she does not as yet attempt a public address, except in English. We would like to secure some one who could tell the glad tidings to the men and women of this neglected center in their native tongue. There was a minister, the Rev. Mr. Hellyer, a Hebrew, who had charge of another mission at some distance from our own, who has our complete confidence, and who was greatly interested in our work, who came once or twice to special meetings, and spoke to his own people in their own language. The Board tried to secure his service to come and give an informal talk to the adults once a week, but he was called away to another city, and the plan failed. We hope, however, to discover some way to carry the message to the older people, the men and women of this Jewish section. We greatly wish some young man, in the course of preparation for the Gospel ministry, would make it a part of his preparation to acquire the ability to speak in this language and would come here and preach to the Jews.

To fulfill our ideals we ought also to have a more extended equipment; some kind of an industrial establishment; and a dispensary. None of these we have at present.

These things being recognized, it is with peculiar pleasure that we tell of the work that is being done by our faithful workers at the Mission. We are fortunate in our two laborers, Miss Forsythe and Miss McFarland. No better workers among women and children could be secured. They love the children; they are friends to the women, and they are devoted to their work. President Garfield once spoke a sentence which has been often quoted, saying that President Hopkins on one end of a log and he on the other would constitute a university. Dr. McKnight, in speaking of the labors of Dr. George as a teacher, said: "The man's the thing." These expressions serve to emphasize the fact that equipment is secondary, the personality of a teacher or a missionary is pre-eminent. If this is true, then we need offer no apology for the work of our Jewish Mission. Miss Forsythe and Miss McFarland give themselves wholly to those among whom they work. They carry to the Mission the only attractive manifestation of Christianity these people ever see. They are like mothers to the children and they are looked to as the best friends and wisest counsellors of the women. They open the rooms of the building, especially in the evenings, and invite the women in. One room has been fitted up with an open fireplace, and in the long winter evenings is one of the brightest spots on earth to many of the women. They come gladly from week to week. They receive there kindness and good cheer and gain a new conception of what Christianity

means and what it is to become a follower of Jesus Christ. Many of them are very friendly and appreciative, and though they have not made a confession, they speak freely of Jesus Christ, and encourage their children to learn more and more of the Gospels. It is to be borne in mind that for many of them to make an open confession of Christ is to invite opposition and persecution.

In this work among the women and children, which perhaps after all is the great work, it is doubtful whether the service of the Mission could be excelled. It has the cordial and unreserved approval of all who know about it.

To be more specific as to the work being done, there meet each week the following classes:

The Sabbath School, with an attendance of 5 to 92.
 The Prayer Circle, with an attendance of 1 to 28.
 The Sabbath Evening Meeting, with an attendance of 7 to 52.
 The Prayer Meeting, with an attendance of 10 to 30.
 The Mothers Meeting, with an attendance of 4 to 16.
 (Children present, 4 to 29.)
 Girls' Sewing Class, with an attendance of 4 to 16.
 The Mercy Band, with an attendance of 6 to 55.

This means that there come to the Mission each week from 42 to 340 persons. In addition to this there have been made at the Mothers' Meeting 76 garments, and at the Girls' Meeting 86 garments, which have been sold to the workers for a nominal price. There have also been distributed 33 copies of the New Testament, and 36 copies of the Gospels and Psalms.

Our Missionaries have made during the year 1,831 personal visits and have had 196 distinct interviews, with inquirers who have come to the Mission. Three public Bible readings were held during the year. The members of the various congregations in Philadelphia were invited to these meetings, and the anticipation of their presence led the children to very careful preparation. This resulted in increased interest in Bible study, and has led to a very promising feature of the work, which is new. This is that children now come into the Mission to have the missionaries help them in their regular daily Bible reading. They take a great interest in it, and are being profited by it.

Dr. Metheny has been a great help to the Mission during the year in going down and drilling the children in singing. They have become very familiar with many selections from the new Psalter, and sing them with great enthusiasm. They are very fond of Dr. Metheny. During the year also groups of children have been taken to each of the Covenant Churches in the city to attend services, which had been arranged to have special interest for them. This has given them a new idea of the Christian Church.

We wish to express our appreciation of the generous support which the Church has given to this work. During the year we have not lacked for funds and no especial appeal has had to be made. It is worthy of the Church's support and we are glad the Church is so willingly supporting it.

The Synod will remember the visit last year of Miss Anna Forsythe at the meeting in Sterling. Miss Forsythe continued her visit at her own expense, as far as California, and reached most of the Churches on the Pacific Coast. In all she made 35 addresses, including an address at Pittsburg Presbyterial, and at Synod. Twenty-one churches were visited. An offering was received at each meeting which she addressed, and these receipts were sufficient to cover the expense of her trip to Synod. Thus the Mission was favored in having its work represented to the Church, and the churches were favored in hearing Miss Forsythe. This year Miss Emma McFarland will be at the meeting of Synod, and we would like if she should be heard. Arrangements have also been made for her to speak in a number of the congregations near by.

We ask for this year the same appropriation as last year, \$3,500.00.

The time for which J. C. McFeeters, W. G. Carson and Daniel Adams were chosen has expired and their successors should be elected.

(Signed) J. C. McFEETERS, President.
M. M. PEARCE, Secretary.

Synod adjourned with prayer by W. P. Johnston.

TUESDAY FORENOON.

Same Place, 9:00 A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment and was constituted in prayer by A. A. Samson.

The roll was called, the following not responding to their names: J. M. Aiken, W. A. Edgar, W. R. Sterrett, D. O. Torrens, R. C. Reed, E. M. Elsey, J. G. Forsythe, W. P. Johnson, Anthony Kourhi, J. H. McBurney, James A. McAteer, J. R. Wylie, William McFarland.

Devotional exercises led by F. E. Allen.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees was authorized to pay the bill for printing the programs for Monday evening's conference from the Literary Fund.

The naming of the Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon at the opening of next Synod was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

It was resolved to take the usual Synod offering after the reading of the minutes at the afternoon session.

G. M. Robb was excused from further attendance after the afternoon session.

The Committee on Traveling Fund made a partial report which was adopted.

Items from the report on Temperance, and on Annuities for Aged Ministers were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 12, relative to voting in Canada, was indefinitely postponed.

Item 13 was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SYNOD'S COMMITTEE ON CHANGE OF OATH.

The committee appointed by last Synod to interview the President of the United States and other officials of the Government, with a view to securing a modification of the oath required of officers in the army and navy and in other cases where an oath is required as a test of loyalty, would respectfully report:

After the adjournment of Synod the committee immediately took steps to secure an appointment with the President at the White House. A letter to the President, stating briefly the reason for seeking an interview, brought a prompt response from the President's secretary, and 2:15 P. M., July 5, 1917, was named as the time when the committee would be received at the White House.

The committee assembled at the Hotel Continental in Washington, D. C., and after a season of prayer proceeded to the Executive Mansion at the appointed hour. S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., an elder of the Second Philadelphia Congregation, who was at that time considering the acceptance of a Captain's Commission in the Jefferson Medical Unit, contingent only on the Modification of the oath, at the invitation of the committee accompanied the committee to the White House and to the later conferences with other officials. Not only was the committee helped by Dr. Metheny's counsel and incited by his zeal, but his case furnished us with a concrete example of the way in which the present form of officer's oath works to the disadvantage of a Covenanter.

Promptly at the time set the President appeared and the Committee was presented to him. At the President's request the committee stated briefly the nature of its request, and the reasons why the President's aid was invoked.

The committee has no stenographic report of the interview, but the following items are taken from notes made immediately following the interview, and may be regarded as a fair indication of the President's interest in the matter and his attitude toward the committee's mission.

After the committee's presentation of the case, President Wilson said: "Gentlemen, I fear that this is a request which it is not within my power to grant. I am inclined to think that this is a matter for Congress, and my opinion is that Congress would not be disposed to look with favor upon such a request at this time."

During the interview the President asked several questions concerning the position of the Covenanter Church. His first inquiry was stated in this way: "Is this position enforced by the law of your church or is it left to the individual conscience?"

The President was assured that it was enforced by the law of the Church.

He then asked: "Can your members not take this oath with a mental reservation covering the points to which you object?" The President then made the following comment: "Of course, I agree with you as to the source of civil authority, but I have always felt that the absence of the mention of God and our Saviour was not intended to indicate that such recognition was denied, but rather that it was understood and that in effect this is a Christian nation."

The discussion of the various points at issue was very informal. The President is an ideal host. Any tension that may have existed in the first moment of the interview was at once relieved by his cordial and sympathetic manner.

The President was quite as willing to hear as to be heard. Toward the close of the interview, as an indication that the termination was approaching, President Wilson said: "I would advise you to see Secretary of War Baker. I have found him a man to whom it is very easy to present a case, and I usually am able to secure what I want from him."

As the President bade each member of the committee good-bye with a personal word, he said to Dr. Metheny in his turn: "Good-bye, Dr. Metheny. I hope you get to go."

However much the committee may regret that President Wilson did not see the way clear to take such action as the committee feels President Lincoln would have taken in such a case, the committee is bound to acknowledge with appreciation the President's cordial manner in receiving the representatives of the Synod and his patient and sympathetic hearing of their plea. By the arrangement of the President the committee was granted an interview with Secretary of War Baker at 10 A. M. on the following day. This interview was not so long as the interview with the President, and, in many respects, much less satisfactory. The Secretary of War was inclined also to throw the burden of responsibility for any proposed modification of the form of oath upon the shoulders of Congress.

An attempt was made to interview Secretary of State Lansing, but as he was just leaving the city the committee had to be content with an interview with the second assistant secretary. The Department of State at once disclaimed any interest or authority in the proposed modification of the officer's oath, but the assurance was given that while no blanket ruling would be made, the oath required of missionaries in securing passports would be modified to suit the conscience of the applicant.

From these interviews it was plain that the end sought could be gained only by direct congressional action. One member of the committee returned to Washington and made an effort to ascertain the attitude of the members of Congress toward such a bill as would provide for the change. Another member visited Washington a few days later for the same purpose.

After hearing the report of these members the committee decided that, while the attempt to have such a bill passed might end in failure, the only course open to the committee was to draw up a bill and have it introduced, and by the use of the means available, urge its enactment.

Accordingly a bill was formulated by the committee and it was introduced in the House of Representatives by the Honorable Guy E. Campbell on February 26, 1918.

The bill is as follows:

An Act to provide for the substitution of the oath required of enlisted men for the oath required of officers, in order to relieve those who object on conscientious grounds to the oath prescribed by law.

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States contains no acknowledgement of Almighty God as the source of all authority in civil government, nor of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour and Ruler of Nations, nor of His revealed will as the supreme standard for deciding moral questions in national life, and

Whereas, The members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, sometimes called Covenanters, have, all through their history, held these principles to be of such importance that they have been unwilling to swear to the Constitution because of the lack of these religious acknowledgments, and

Whereas, The members of this Church have always been noted for their loyalty to the United States, and for their willingness to make sacrifices for this nation's maintenance and welfare, therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

(1) That during the present war the President be authorized to issue commissions for the military and naval service of the United States to those who may qualify, but who dissent from the Constitution of the United States solely on account of its omission of religious acknowledgments, upon their taking the oath now prescribed for enlisted men.

(2) That the same option shall be allowed for the same reason in cases where the oath is required as a test of loyalty.

This bill was referred to the House Committee on Military Affairs and up to the present has not been reported.

The work of the committee has entailed a great deal of

correspondence and no little expense. A personal letter and a copy of the bill have been sent to each member of Congress. Nevertheless, the committee is agreed that the work which such a committee as this is able to do fully justifies the expenditure both of time and money. The following advantages are apparent:

1. A committee of Synod appointed for a specific purpose and supplied with proper credentials will be received more readily than a standing committee of Synod acting on its own initiative.

2. In this way Christ is preached directly to the nation. The testimony of the Church as it touches the Kingship of Christ has been proclaimed by word of mouth in the presence of the President of the United States, in the presence of the Secretary of War, in the Department of State and in the offices of a large number of Congressmen.

The mere reading of the preamble of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives lays upon Congress a responsibility which it cannot evade.

We recommend that Synod adopt the following resolutions:

1. Believing that the present war is being used by Almighty God for the establishment of His kingdom on earth, and believing that the Kingdom of God cannot be established in its fulness until Prussian Militarism and all other forms of tyranny have been dethroned and destroyed, and believing that, in its immediate issue, the cause of the Allies, as it touches the rights of men, is a righteous cause and worthy of the support of all men who love liberty and justice, and believing that America must be saved from the Kaiser if it is to be won to Christ.

We, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, with unflinching faith in our crucified and enthroned Christ, the Ruler of Nations, and praying without ceasing that our nation may be cleansed of national sin in His blood,

Hereby pledge our loyalty to our beloved land and call upon our members everywhere to support our country by every means within their power; to give generously of their time and money that the munitions of war may be supplied in abundance; to dedicate their sons to serve in the ranks of our army and navy, and their daughters to serve in relief work, and to render cheerful obedience in the Lord, to the commands of the President of the United States.

2. Synod hereby calls the attention of the members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to the historic position of the Covenanters with respect to unchristian constitutions of civil government and earnestly urges the members of the church to respect their covenant engagement to refuse to swear allegiance to such constitutions, irrespective of the nature of the emergency which might seem to justify it, or of the sacrifice that may be required because of their refusal to swear such allegiance.

Synod would, moreover, in this connection, point out to the young men of the church that the way to an honorable service of our country in the ranks of both army and navy is open to the Covenanter without violation of his covenant vows and that in the consideration of the acceptance of an officer's position in military service the choice does not lie between patriotism and loyalty to Christ, but between official rank and loyalty to Christ.

Synod assures the members of the church that every effort has been made to secure such modification of the conditions of service as will make such sacrifices on the part of our members unnecessary and that work to this end will be continued, but in the meantime Covenanters are urged, in any case where loyalty to Christ is involved, to go forth to Him without the camp, bearing His reproach.

3. That the appointment of a National War Service Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church be referred to the Committee on Nominations, and that the financing of the work be referred to the Committee on Finance.

4. That Synod appoint a committee to carry on the work of the committee now reporting.

R. J. G. McKNIGHT,
R. C. WYLIE,
W. J. COLEMAN,
A. A. SAMSON,

It was resolved that the committee contemplated in Item 4 be the same as last year.

A resolution proposed by J. G. McElhinney was adopted, and is as follows:

I move that our committee on the Relation of Covenanters to the Government be authorized to co-operate with Presbytery and Session in seeking for the members of our church, relief from the orders of the Federal Government, and the various State Governments, requiring an oath to the Constitution of United States, of those who wish to teach school or engage in other forms of civil and military service, and that the expense of this committee be paid out of the funds of the Witnss Bearing Committee.

The following resolution was proposed by W. J. Coleman and adopted by Synod:

As the action of the New York Legislature in requiring school teachers to swear allegiance to the Constitution of the United States is quite likely to be imitated in other states; and

As it is much easier to influence or modify legislation before than after it is enacted, the Synod advises its members to consult with members of the Legislature of their State in an effort to secure an exception in favor of those who cannot on account of its lack of religious acknowledgments, accept the present Constitution.

Item 7. Approved and is as follows:

The Interim Committee on Supplies reports no work required of the committee.

S. E. GREER, Chairman.

Item 23. Pending consideration of this item, recess was taken until 2:00 P. M. Prayer by Elder A. J. Harding.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2:00 P. M.

Synod reconvened at the appointed hour. Prayer by J. M. Johnston.

The roll was called, the following not responding to their names: W. S. Jamison, J. A. Kempf, A. Kourhi, J. H. McBurney, T. C. McKnight, W. J. McKnight, M. S. McMillan, R. C. Reed, E. F. Thompson, D. O. Torrens, S. J. White.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

J. R. Latimer, W. S. Jamison, W. H. Linson and P. J. McDonald were excused from further attendance.

Consideration of

Item 23. Of report on Unfinished Business was taken up.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF MUSIC OF
THE BOOK OF PSALMS.**

The Committee on Revision of the Music of "The Book of Psalms" would respectfully report:

After careful observation has been made and many letters have been received covering the subject of the music of the 1911 Book of Psalms, your committee is convinced that the Book of Psalms as it now stands is not giving satisfaction throughout the church.

There are certain facts that we need to face:

1. Only a part of our congregations are now using the 1911 Psalter.

2. Many who are using this book are not using all the tunes which the book suggests.

3. A very small proportion of our congregations is now holding regular meetings for the purpose of studying the music of this Book of Psalms.

4. Some of the tunes after a fair trial have proven to be too difficult for congregational singing in many of our congregations.

There are certain aims which we desire to attain:

1. To secure an acceptance of the Book of Psalms by all the congregations.

2. To meet the objections that are most common and make such changes as will bring our congregations closer together.

This is entirely plausible and possible. There are tunes well known and acceptable to the churches which are not in the present Psalter and which could be substituted for some in the book which are not generally used and probably never will be used to any extent.

For example, among the available L. M. tunes are the following:

Baca, Creation, Missionary Chant, Sweet Hour of Prayer.

Among the common meter: Abbeyville, Bernard, Boardman, Boynton, Caddo, Cherith, Chimes, City of Our God, Cooling, Coventry, Croydon, Davida, Elizabethtown, Garby, Grafton, New Jerusalem, Arlington, Nason's Chant, etc.

Short meter: Ferguson, Gerar, Greenwood and Luther. Or 6's and 4's Bethany. Or 6's D. I Need Thee Every Hour. Or 7's, Autumn or Nettleton.

These and others like them have been sung well and are generally known throughout the church, and we believe are still generally acceptable.

With these facts before it, your committee deems it wise to make the following recommendations:

1. That a committee be appointed to take under advisement the reconsideration of the following tunes and submit substitutions where considered advisable to next Synod:

No. 1. St. Flavian; 18. Walsal; 54. Martyrdom; 66. Fingal; 78. Cloisters; 91. Stainer; 99. St. Ambrose; 102. Stainer; 103. Elgin; 105. Ad Inferos; 112. Westminster; 113. Langdon; 127. Refuge; 123. Welbridge; 140. Peterborough; 152. Old 116th; 154. Calhoun; 159. St. Mark; 160. Wordsworth; 161. Abby; 162. St. Matthias; 174. St. David; 178. Old 68th; 186. St. Bride; 194. Durham; 195. Barnstaple; 199. St. Frances; 272. Arundel; 276. Merton; 304. St. Etheldreda; 310. Salisbury; 223. Southwold; 372. Gloucester; 385. Leoni; 148. Lyte; 168. St. Anne; 122. Colleshill.

These and such others as Synod may designate and as your committee after carefully canvassing the church, shall deem it necessary to suggest for revision.

2. That Synod set apart one evening for the consideration of the tunes that will be submitted to it as substitutes for the above tunes.

D. BRUCE MARTIN,
J. C. FRENCH,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
A. A. WYLIE.

The appointment of the committee provided for in Item 1 of this report was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Item 2 of Unfinished Business. The report was re-committed to report next year. (Central Board.)

The Board of Sustentation reported. Report approved and referred to the Committee on Finance.

R. A. Blair was added to the Committee on Relations with the Government.

A fraternal letter from the Synod of Ireland was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was directed to report a resolution on the Irish question.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report which was adopted.

Robert Clarke was added to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Beaver Falls, Pa., June 11, 1918,

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

The Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report:
Receipts from congregations and bal. from last year (\$4). \$3,222.80
Expenses of delegates..... 4,377.08
Deficit 1,154.28

Number of delegates sharing in the Fund, 159. Deficit per member, \$7.30.

Your committee would recommend that the quota per member to the fund be raised to fifty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. TAGGART, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Witness Bearing was taken from the table.

Items 2 and 3. Amended and adopted.

Items 4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

Item 7. Previously referred to Committee on Finance. It was decided that during the period of the war the Witness Bearing Committee do its work with regard

to the nation under the title. "The Win the War Committee."

J. W. Thompson was excused from further attendance.

The Nominating Committee made a partial report which was adopted.

The Witness Bearing Committee was requested to frame a suitable form of Amendment to the Constitution to be submitted by those giving addresses on the subject.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE WITNESS BEARING COMMITTEE.

This is the day of our opportunity. The people in general are willing to hear and we have a message to give them. The great need of our country is national repentance to bring us into right relation to God and to secure His Blessing in the present struggle. Most people have not thought of this, but when it is presented, they are willing to think of it and pious people will act on it.

The presentation of this subject brings all our principles into view as reasons for repentance, and puts them to the front as causes of action. It brings all the offices of Christ before men, His teaching as a Prophet, His atonement as a Priest and His rights as a King. It tells of the Holy Spirit who produces faith and repentance and of the Father, who through the Saviour offers the nation forgiveness of sins. We have the message, the need for it and the opportunity to tell it. Will we do it?

This is what we have tried to do the past year in the sending out of literature. We have sent the "Call to National Repentance" to many thousand ministers, and have received three thousand two hundred and thirty replies. Two hundred and fifty-five of these were unfavorable, four hundred and twenty-five uncertain, mostly from unsettled or superannuated men, and two thousand five hundred and fifty ministers promised to preach on "Christ, the King of Nations," or on "National Repentance," if literature were sent, and it was always sent. These were pastors preaching to their own people, and it would have taken one man preaching two sermons a Sabbath fifty-two Sabbaths a year, more than twenty-four years to have reached this count. Then many men must have looked over this "Call," thought about it and failed to write, ten and often fifteen to one who wrote. The "Call" we send gives one enough to think about, if he receives nothing else, and it leaves the responsibility for action with him.

The Rev. J. M. Coleman, in addition to his regular pastoral work, has given courses of lectures in ten Colleges and in two Seminaries, besides many single lectures and sermons. The field seems open for him and the students ready to hear. All are agreed that this is fundamental work, seed sowing in good soil and in the spring time of life.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight has given sixteen lectures since last Synod, mostly in his own neighborhood. During the year also Mr. McKnight's booklet entitled "The Ideal Republic," which sets forth the position of the Covenanter Church on the question of civil government, has been printed in Chinese by the **Christian Literature Society for China**, and is being judiciously distributed from Shanghai by that organization. Revs. Paul Coleman and S. J. Johnson have given quite a number of lectures in the country near their congregations, and have found the way open for all the work they could do. These pastors with some others in the Church, have shown what it is possible for our ministers to do and have suggested a line of needed development.

Following this suggestion, your Committee selected twelve ministers to labor in this line, offering one hundred and fifty dollars for a month's time, the laborers to meet all their own expenses. It was suggested that a minimum of fifteen lectures or sermons be given in three months' time. Six accepted the proposition and are working out the experiment.

We have tried this plan to prove that all our ministers could enlarge their influence, disseminate the truth and hasten the coming of the kingdom in the neighborhood where they live by preaching national repentance. Our sessions and congregations ought to be willing to allow their pastors to go out now and then to preach on this subject in other pulpits, and we believe that in general they would agree to this at once and would hold prayer-meetings to call down a blessing on his work.

Another fine thing we have to report is that the Church gave us nearly twice as much money this year as last, so that we have an unexpected balance in our treasury of \$2,287. Our receipts this year were \$4,121.67, and last year they were \$2,251.98. The time for which Robert Park, S. J. Johnston, J. H. McBurney and J. S. Tibbey were elected has expired, and their successors should be chosen by this Synod.

We recommend:

1. That we record our gratitude to God for the principles He has given us, so honoring to our Saviour, for the open opportunity to make these principles known to the world and for the interest the members of the Church are showing in this cause.

2. That we elect James M. Coleman to give his whole time to this work, especially to carry this message to young men and women in colleges and seminaries, and that the fixing of his salary be left with the Witness Bearing Committee

3. That this committee be authorized to employ additional laborers, and that the fixing of their salaries be left with the committee.

4. That all our pastors be urged to go out and preach on National Repentance.

5. That our elders feel themselves called to give their pastors leave to spend some Sabbaths carrying this message to the people of their neighborhood, give some time to arranging for such work and encourage their pastors and people to take an interest in meetings for this purpose.

That the sending out of literature presenting the claims of Christ and the immediate duty of national repentance be continued.

7. That an appropriation of twelve thousand dollars be made for the support of this work.

W. J. COLEMAN,
S. J. JOHNSTON,
R. J. G. MCKNIGHT,
JOHN C. SLATER,
ROBERT PARK,
J. H. MCBURNEY,
JAMES S. TIBBY,
O. WYLIE,
T. H. MARTIN,

The naming of those to fill vacancies on this committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Stated Clerk submitted his annual report. After making the necessary corrections, the report was approved and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK.

There are reported twelve Presbyteries, 106 congregations, 8 Mission Stations, 132 Ministers, 9 Licentiates, 8 Theological Students, four of whom licensed; 411 Elders, 348 Deacons, 8,556 Communicants; an increase of 519 and a decrease of 447; 201 Baptisms, 9,272 enrolled in the Sabbath Schools and 1,788 in

the Young People' Societies; total contributions, \$265,768.00, or \$33.40 per member, which is \$3.63 more per member than last year. Contributions to the Levant Missions, \$14,472.45 and \$20,758.42 to the China Mission, or a total of \$35,230.37 to Foreign Missions, which is \$4.43 per member, a decrease of 74 cents per member under last year.

Congregations—Seventy-seven have pastors, twenty-nine without pastors.

Ministers—There are 132 Ministers. There were three ordinations and ten installations and ten dissolutions of the pastoral relation. One pastor has a double charge; ten are stated supply. Anthony Kourhi was ordained November 23, 1917, and is in charge of the Pittsburgh Syrian Mission. R. A. Blair was installed pastor over Slippery Rock congregation November 2, 1917. J. B. Wilson ordained and installed pastor over Montclair, N. J., congregation April 4, 1918; R. C. Adams ordained as missionary July 23, 1917, at Sterling, Kansas. J. C. Mitchell ordained as a missionary August 9, 1917, at Winchester, Kansas. J. D. Edgar installed as pastor over Olathe, Kansas, congregation February 19, 1918; D. R. Taggart installed pastor over Topeka, Kansas, congregation February 20, 1918; S. R. Wallace installed pastor over Vernon, Wisconsin, congregation June 22, 1917; Samuel Edgar installed pastor over Greeley, Colorado, congregation June 2-, 1917; J. B. Gilmore installed pastor over La Junta, Colorado, congregation October 11, 1917; Owen F. Thompson installed pastor over Old Bethel, Illinois, congregation Decembtr 6, 1917; S. E. Greer installed pastor over Denver, Colorado, congregation September 27, 1917; R. E. Wilson installed pastor over Southfield, Michigan, congregation November 22, 1917.

W. J. McBurney was released from the pastoral charge of Evans, Colorado, congregation on September 4, 1917; Samuel Edgar from Greeley, Colorado, congregation April 15, 1918; S. E. Greer from Washington, Iowa, congregation August 23, 1917; C. A. Dodds from Topeka, Kansas, congregation July 11, 1917; J. D. Edgar from Stafford, Kansas, January 21, 1918; S. B. Houston from Connellsville, Pennsylvania, congregation May 14, 1918; J. M. Johnston from Youngstown, Ohio, congregation May 14, 1918; W. G. Robb from Hetherton, Michigan, June 7, 1918; W. C. Coleman from Johnathan Creek, Ohio, congregation June 7, 1918; W. C. McClurkin from Olathe, Kansas, congregation June 12, 1917.

Of the ministers without charges, nine are stated supply, nine in the foreign mission work, four in reform work, three at Geneva College, two at the Theological Seminary, two in Army Y. M. C. A. work, one in Red Cross work, four at farming, five in secular callings, eight are unable to engage in the ministry.

Communicants—The total number is 8,556. Of these 7,955 are in the home church, 601 in the foreign fields; an increase of 428 is reported in the home church and a decrease of 445. China reports 545 members, an increase of eighty-one. Cyprus reports 50 members, a decrease of two. No report from the Levant. Comparing the total membership with last year's report shows a decrease of 176 members. In the home church a decrease of 255 members over last year's report is noted. In the home church 51 more members were admitted than last year, and 82 members less were taken off the rolls than last year. The Presbytery of Central Canada reports a net decrease of eighteen, Colorado a net increase of fifty-three, Illinois a net decrease of eighteen, Iowa a net increase of two, Kansas a net decrease of thirteen, N. B. and N. S. evens up, New York a net decrease of thirty-four, Ohio a net increase of four, Pacific Coast a net increase of fourteen, Philadelphia evens up, Pittsburgh a net increase of seven and Rochester a net decrease of six. Twenty-four congregations had no accessions. Second New York, congregation has the largest membership, viz., 254, and Third Philadelphia contributed the largest amount. Sixty congregations contributed to all the schemes of the church, an increase of thirteen over last year. Congregations gave \$94,925.00 to miscellaneous objects, which is \$14,382.00 over last year. Salaries amounting to \$91,609 were paid for preaching, or \$5,445.00 over last year. The number

of tithers is 2,228, a decrease of 235 over last year. Rev. George Kennedy passed away May 22, 1918.

Contributions—The following are the amounts paid into the schemes of the church: Syrian Mission, \$15,447.00; China, \$22,232.00; Domestic, \$10,049.00; Southern, \$4,234.00; Indian, \$4,112.00; Jewish, \$2,405.00; Theological Seminary, \$987.00; Geneva College, \$2,122.00; Church Erection, \$10,301.00; Aged People's Home, \$1,774.00; Witness Bearing, \$3,918.00; Temperance, \$1,285.00; Aged Ministers, Widows and Orphans, \$1,695.00. Number of Parsonages 32.

Certified copies of the 1916 Minutes of Synod were deposited in the safety box.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. TIBBY, Stated Clerk.

Synod took recess until 7:30, the session to continue until 9:00 o'clock. Prayer by Elder M. G. Euwer.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Same Place, 7:30 P. M.

Synod reconvened at the above hour. Prayer by the Moderator.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

The Secretary of the Young People's work reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

J. T. Mitchell was excused from further attendance.

Item 5. Previously referred to Committee on Finance.

Item 6. The nomination of a Young People's Secretary was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The deficit in traveling expenses of the Secretary was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Nothing startling can be reported from this department of the Church's work. However, steady progress has been made toward a closer organization of our young people, progress can be reported from many societies and nearly every Presbyterian and spiritual development among the members.

The ranks have been considerably depleted by the war, nearly every society having suffered, but the work has not ceased. Last Fall some societies wrote that so many of their number were leaving for school and the service of the country, that they were facing the question of discontinuing the meetings through the winter. The reply was: "Other societies are likewise suffering, go out into the highways and hedges and compel others to come in to take the places of those you are losing." Word re-

ceived from some of them this spring is: "We had a better winter than we anticipated, and our attendance has been quite as good as usual."

These young people have brought in others, they have learned the joy of service, that they are their brother's keeper, and that their societies can be built up. They have met a crisis and have come off conquerors. When the war is over they will be stronger than ever before. Every will-directed effort strengthens them.

The problem the coming fall will be even greater than that of last, and pastors will do well to encourage their young people to begin the fall campaign for filling in the ranks and increasing the membership at an early date.

Several definite lines of work have been carried out during the year.

The Young People's Department of the Christian Nation has been maintained. Copies of the C. Y. P. U. Pledge recommended by the last Synod were printed in wall size and furnished to all desiring them. There has been some demand for a larger size, and if this demand increases these will be provided.

We have been in touch with officers of all of our Presbyterials, helping to shape convention programs, to iron out difficulties and solve problems which have arisen. The result has been to unify programs and make them meet the situation of the times in which we are living.

It has been our aim to visit Societies and Presbyterials as far as other duties would allow. Several Societies and three Presbyterials have been reached, and from one to three addresses have been made at each along lines in which interest among the young people should be stimulated. During the past year there has been kept specially in mind the need of young men for the Seminary, missionaries for the work at home and abroad and workers for the local societies, to distribute our literature and do personal work. The results have been most gratifying. Many young men have faced the question as to whether they should enter the Seminary. Eight have pledged their lives to this work this year in addition to those who have already reached such a decision. Over thirty for home mission work and about the same number who intend to enter the foreign mission field if the way is opened, were found in attendance at the conventions attended. Many pledged themselves to be more active in the work of the society at home. In this connection we regret the failure of Synod's standing committees to furnish the work for the Societies as was recommended at last Synod.

It was necessary to travel about seven thousand miles during the past year in order to reach Presbyterials, and before the summer was over we had seen both the Atlantic and Pacific. Whether the results justify the work and expense, I leave to others to say, who could judge more calmly from the outside. But from one on the inside who has done much of the hard work and borne part of the expense, it appears well worth the effort. This is in agreement with expressions of those who were in attendance and have observed results since.

The expense to the church is the seventy-five dollars set aside by last Synod, with a deficit of nineteen dollars and thirty cents in addition, which you may or may not see fit to assure. The balance of the expense has been met from other sources.

One new convention has been organized during the year, comprising the young people of Rochester, New York, and Philadelphia Presbyteries. This first convention held last October fulfilled all our expectations. The young people of this convention demonstrated that they are not one whit behind those of other Presbyteries, even though they have been slower to organize. Some hundreds of letters have been sent out during the year, most of them in connection with organization of this convention. Whatever degree of success was attained in this new convention was due largely to the efficient assistance of the pastor and young people of Second New York, Miss Callie M. Morton of Cambridge and Miss Elma Wear of Stafford.

Several conventions this year devoted an entire session to Distinctive Principles, in which were ably discussed by the young people themselves, the reason why we as a church have a right

to a separate existence. Some of these, at least, have been most refreshing and have sent pastors home with a new appreciation of our young people.

One Presbytery has a sectional convention which meets in the spring of the year in addition to the fall meeting for the entire Presbytery which is proving helpful. Another has introduced into the program this year a contest in shorter catechism, which is being prepared for enthusiastically and which promises to be both interesting, and instructive for the young people.

We see a greater need for pastors to be leaders of their young people as a force of workers. Various pastors have complained of the failure to get much out of the young people as a working force. In some instances we believe it is the fault, not of the young people but of the pastor. In the words of one of our writers: "Tain't no use to grumble and complain" that the young people are not doing this or that. Let us stop wishing the young people would get to work. Give them something definite to do and help them in doing it, then follow that with something else. Covenanter young people have exceptional ability, and will do the work if they are properly encouraged and led. I am more and more convinced the fault lies with the ministry rather than with the young people where they are not at Christian work. A short course of instruction in the Seminary on ways and means of enlisting our young people in extending the Kingdom would not be amiss. It is not true that we are blind leaders of the blind. So far as aggressive Christian work is concerned, our church's chief asset for the future is her young people. Let us spare no pains, not only to teach them to be good, but to do good. The future of the Covenanter Church depends upon it.

We recommend:

1. That pastors be urged to enlist the services of all their young people in the work of the church.
2. That the young people be encouraged diligently to seek young people outside of the church to fill in the ranks depleted by the war.
3. That the young people's secretary may have the privilege of exhibiting to the young people's conventions, the service flag presented to the Synod this year by J. W. Pritchard.
4. That Synod's standing committees be again urged to use the Young People's Societies as agencies for distribution of their literature.
5. That \$100.00 from the Literary Fund be put at the disposal of the Secretary of Young People's work for the coming year.
6. That Synod choose a Young People's Secretary for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. EDGAR, Young People's Secretary.

Miss Ella Frazer, a teacher in Knox Academy, was presented and addressed the Synod.

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

While secret orders with their frills, pomp and outward display have an attraction for some, they are repulsive to others. The following advertisement appeared in a religious journal (The Expositor):

"A Religious Secret Order."

"It has all the lure of secrecy with none of its faults; all the charms of manly fellowship with none of its dangers; all the power of concerted action with none of its tyranny; all the robustness of Christianity without many of the frills sometimes attached to it."

This order was recommended by a minister of one of the larger denominations, who said: "I was greatly impressed with the men in its fellowship, their devotion to its organization." Mark the words, LURE, FAULTS, CHARMS, DANGERS, TYRANNY, which virtually admit some of the chief charges made against secret organizations in general.

By a secret society we mean one that requires as a condition of membership a pledge of perpetual secrecy as to things whose nature is unknown to the candidate. The assurance that the pledge does not bind the one who takes it to anything that conflicts with his conscience assumes that the administrator of the oath or pledge has the right to decide for another person what will conflict with his conscience. No man is lord of another's conscience.

The chief inducement to attract members is the selfish hope of obtaining benefits not shared with those outside. Most of these societies are virtually Christless even when they profess to be Christian. There can be no really Christian degree that can be reached only through degrees that are without Christ. Christ warns His disciples not to be deceived by those who say "Lo, here is Christ." We cannot find Christ in any place that we cannot reach without first denying Him.

The boasted patriotism of the secret orders must be connected with their holding out the hope that their secret signs may secure from the enemy in war certain advantages. If that is true it means that in like manner such signs from the enemies of our country will also be recognized.

Some people may be deceived by the specious argument that Christ taught His disciples some things He did not teach others. To this it is replied that the devil can quote Scripture. But "another Scripture" says: "What I tell you in the ear that speak ye upon the housetop." In this sense Christ said: "In secret have I said nothing," that is, nothing but what was intended for publication when His disciples were well enough instructed to publish them effectively.

We recommend:

1. That we reaffirm our unaltered opposition to the whole system of organized secrecy.
2. That all parents, pastors, teachers and sessions give timely warning to those under their care to be on their guard against any form of secrecy that may try to creep in among us.
3. That all be urged to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation from these sources.

ISAIAH FARIS
F. F. READE
W. M. MOORE

of the
Committee

The Committee on Signs of the Times reported. The report was recommitted for abbreviation.

The time was extended to 9:30.

The committee to prepare a telegram to the Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs in the House of Representatives reported. The report was adopted and the Moderator and Clerk directed to sign and forward the same. It is as follows:

The Honorable Huber S. Dent, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington D. C.:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, now meeting in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, very earnestly urges that Bill H. R. No. 10,266, be favorably reported at this session. The patriotism of our people throughout the history of our nation and their present record of 260 members now in

the service of the country out of a total membership of 8,000 should weigh heavily with your committee in a matter which touches the religious convictions of a loyal and devoted church.

G. A. EDGAR, Moderator.
D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.

The appointment of committees to write letters of sympathy to Elder W. J. Crawford and others who should be remembered by this Synod was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Synod adjourned with prayer by S. E. Greer.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

Same Place, 9:00 A. M.

Synod met at the appointed hour, and was constituted in prayer by T. H. Acheson.

The roll was called. The following did not respond to their names: Anderson, Balph, T. W. Blair, Carlisle, Coulter, Joseph Dickey, Duguid, E. M. Elsey, Forsythe, Fulton, Greer, J. M. Johnston, Kourhi, McBurney, McElhinney, McIsaac, D. B. Martin, Montgomery, Moore, R. C. Reed, Sharp, Taggart, D. O. Torrens, Wallace, White.

E. G. Russell was excused from attendance after the present session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by R. E. Wilson.

The Minutes of the preceding evening were read and approved.

The Committee on Discipline reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1 and 2 adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

Paper No. 3, with reference to "the status of the Covenanter teachers in New York State" has been referred to us.

Your committee would respectfully report that Synod is of one mind that taking the oath of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States is contrary to the Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. It is evident that the teachers involved did not of their own free will violate the law of the church, but took the oath at the demand of the government solely as an expression of loyalty.

We accordingly advise Presbyteries and sessions, while using due deliberation, to uphold the law of the church, and to make every possible effort to have the objectionable features of the oath eliminated.

Paper No. 4. "A memorial to Synod on the question of Labor Unions" has been referred to us.

Your committee would respectfully report that "laborers have the right to organize for mutual improvement and for the purpose of obtaining what is just and equitable," "Whether labor unions are legitimate must be determined by their principles and practices." All unions cannot be condemned because of the character of some unions. The rights of labor have often been invaded by capital. The aims of organized labor as declared in the constitutions of the leading organizations have many commendable features.

"The law of Christ forbids identification with any organization, whether capitalists or laborers, which is essentially characterized by immoral and unchristian features." The following items are immoral and unchristian. Holding labor union meetings on the Sabbath. Exercising authority over those who do not belong to the union. Using threats, intimidation or coercion to force one to join the union or to conform to its laws or demands. Using violence either against persons or property to accomplish union ends. Coercing employers into using only union labor or denying them the right to discharge the incompetent. Conforming to the principal features which characterize the leading secret oath-bound societies which are condemned in our Covenant as "ensnaring in their nature, pernicious in their tendency and perilous to the liberties of both Church and State."

We accordingly make answer to the first question of the paper, that members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church cannot belong to unions which are fundamentally characterized by any of the above or other immoral and unchristian features, and to the second question, that while Reformed Presbyterian employers may use their own judgment about conforming to union hours and wages they should protest against being compelled to employ only union labor.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. McMILLAN,
J. D. EDGAR,
E. A. CROOKS,
W. H. LINSON
JAMES A. McATEER.

A resolution offered by R. C. Wylie was adopted and is as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report next year on the preparing and publishing of a digest of the deliverances of Synod, covering the whole period of the existence of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

The appointment of the committee involved was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Last year's Committee on Discipline, to explain the action of last year, reported. The report was adopted and was entered as an additional item in the report on the correction of the Minutes of 1917.

Item 24. Unfinished Business.

The report on the correction of the printed Minutes of 1917 was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

On page 74, in ninth line from top, add "and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions."

On page 30, the name of R. C. Reed should appear in item 4 as per minute at the foot of preceding page.

As to seeming conflict in report on Discipline, pages 128 and 129, the committee finds that the minute of the report of last

year's Committee of Discipline on the Sterling Memorial is a correct statement of the action of the court, but it would have been more clearly understood had the first paragraph of the minority report on item one of the Sterling Memorial been printed immediately after the question asked in the first item of the Memorial, to which it alone referred.

The closing paragraph of the minority report, referring to items 2, 3 and 4, was evidently adopted by Synod, but in the circumstances is confusing, and we recommend that it be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MITCHELL,
T. H. ACHESON,
S. J. JOHNSTON.

The report on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Special Committee in Covenant Renovation—p. 15. T. M. Slater.
2. Paper No. 16 referred to Central Board to report to the Synod of 1918, p. 27.
3. Organization of Presbytery of Central Canada—p. 127. J. C. French.
4. Clerk to notify R. M. Somerville of the action of Synod upon his resignation from the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary and the Board of Foreign Missions—p. 28.
5. Officers to forward the petition of Synod for the appointment of a day for national humiliation and prayer to President Wilson—p. 43.
6. Clerk to send telegram embodied in report of the Committee on Psalmody to President Wilson—p. 50.
7. Report of Interim Committee on Supplies—p. 56. S. E. Greer.
8. Action on Item 4 of the recommendation in Report of Committee on Foreign Mission—laid over till Synod of 1918—p. 53.
9. Kansas Presbytery to ordain R. C. Adams and Jesse C. Mitchel as Missionaries to China—p. 59.
10. The medical staff in China to prepare a report on the sanitary and residential conditions of the Tak Hing Mission field for this meeting of Synod—p. 74.
11. Officers to sign and forward letter prepared by committee on Foreign Correspondence to the Synod of the Church in Ireland—p. 83.
12. Item No. 6 of Report on Unfinished Business, postponed till the meeting of 1918, and make the order of the day at 2:00 P. M. the second day of Synod, a special committee to bring in a report at that time—p. 90. T. H. Acheson, Chairman.
13. A special committee to interview President Wilson with reference to a modification of the oath required for citizenship of members of foreign birth and for service under the government—p. 92. R. J. G. McKnight.
14. The Seminary Board to give further consideration to the matter of introducing additional courses in the English Bible, with reference not only to our students of divinity but also to the workers in the mission fields, and report to Synod in 1918—p. 94.
15. The officers to transmit to President Wilson Synod's appeal for the complete suppression of the liquor traffic as a war measure—p. 126.
16. The Clerk to notify session of the action of Synod relative to the increase of pastors' salaries—p. 130.
17. Committee on death of J. R. Thompson to publish memorial after adjournment of Synod—p. 133. R. J. Dodds.
18. Report of Clerk on publication of minutes.
19. Report of Synod's Treasurer on sale of minutes.
20. Letters of sympathy to members absent by reason of illness—p. 125. Minutes of 1917.

21. Committee on revision of questions for Presbyterial visitation—p. 125. D. H. Elliott, Chairman.

22. Committee to submit to this court a report on needs of Aged and Disabled Ministers—p. 124. E. K. Patton, Chairman.

23. Committee to give fuller consideration to the revision of the music of the Psalter. D. Bruce Martin, Chairman.

24. Report of Clerk on correction of printed minutes of 1917.

GEORGE A. EDGAR,
FINDLEY M. WILSON.

The report on Signs of the Times was adopted in its abbreviated form without rereading, and is as follows:

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Not in vain is God speaking to men in the thunders of the world-wide war. Out of the foul record of the past months comes the assurance of faith in the overruling providence of God.

If "the wild grass to the horizon is torn up by the agony of men and beaten level by the drifts of their life-blood," the calamity is awakening men to a world-consciousness.

The cry of ravished Belgium and despoiled France, of victimized Serbia and devastated Poland, of massacred Armenia and exploited Russia, and of starving, plague-stricken Palestine has melted the hearts of men. The need is unparalleled. Never before has the world known such want and woe. Never before have the fountains of liberality gushed forth in streams so copious. We are in a very rapture of philanthropy.

We are a peace-loving people. But to us "the right is more precious than peace." Our nation, therefore, has taken up the gauge of battle with high resolve to defend the right. Ours is not the lust of conquest nor the greed for gain; ours is the high resolution to protect the weak, to defend the defenseless, to execute justice, and to establish a permanent world peace. What was begun with high ideals has been continued with noble purpose. Strong emphasis is placed upon the moral aims of the war. Nobler aims than can be expressed in terms of acres or of gold or of commerce actuate the adversaries of the Teuton.

The liquor traffic is the enemy of the nation at all times. War-time conditions have focused the attention of the nation upon the baneful activities of this traffic. And the movement toward prohibition, already gathering momentum, is accelerated. War-time prohibition is looked for in the near future. The prohibition amendment to the federal constitution has already been ratified by twelve states. Ratification by thirty-six, the required number of States, is probable within the next year.

Precautions, such as never prevailed before, have been taken to safeguard our enlisted men physically, morally, and spiritually; strict regulations as to intoxicating drinks and vice prevail in our home training camps—we wish that there were as strict regulations for the protection of our soldier boys overseas, the number of chaplains in the army has been increased; thousands upon thousands of copies of the Bible and parts of the Bible have been given and sent to our khaki-clad boys; money has been poured out without stint to support the work of the Red Cross for our soldiers and to provide them with the comforts and religious facilities of the Y. M. C. A. huts; a cleaner, healthier, manlier, braver, and more spiritual army never rallied under any flag than that which is now fighting our battles under the Stars and Stripes.

In response to a resolution adopted by Congress, the President appointed a day of public humiliation, prayer, and fasting.

With thanksgiving to God, whose purpose certainly is to bring good out of the evil of this war, Synod names Thursday, November 28, for the church of the United States, and for the brethren in Canada such day as shall be named for thanksgiving by their Governor General, as a day of thanksgiving unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

While we rejoice in the Lord, as we regard the works of His hand, it becomes us to rejoice with trembling. While we

deplore the abominable atrocities practiced by Germany in this war and hold her guilty—guilty of unnameable cruelties and barbarities—scientific barbarities—we must not forget that we, too, as a nation have sins, great sins, unconfessed sins, unforgiven sins; we, too, are guilty. True it is, we are not guilty of such base inhumanities as are practiced by our enemy Germany, but guilty, nevertheless; guilty of failure to put away the drink evil permanently; failure to put it away even during the war period; guilty of increasing Sabbath desecration in multi-form ways; guilty of bloodshed by mob violence; guilty of laxity in our marriage and divorce laws; guilty of tolerating that hydra-headed monster of sexual extravagance, political intrigue and ecclesiastical oppression—polygamous Mormonism; even tolerating the appointment by our government of Brigham H. Roberts, a polygamous Mormon of triple marriage fame, and a man who was declared to be unfit to take his seat in the House of Representatives of the United States, as chaplain in our army; guilty of these and many other sins, but above all these guilty of rejecting God and His Law and His Son Jesus Christ. We regret that President Wilson, in calling the nation to prayer, failed to point us to Jesus Christ as the appointed Way by which we as a nation should come to God.

In withholding victory from our forces, God seems to be saying to us as allied nations, "Put away your sins, 'Kiss the Son.'" We believe that victory can only come when sin has been confessed and put away, and when the allied nations as nations yield themselves more fully unto God; that a necessary preparation on the part of our nation and her allies for the gigantic task of the world reconstruction after peace has been declared is a recognition and an appropriation of God as the Sovereign of the Universe, of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Ruler of the Nations, and of the Bible as the supreme code for national and international behavior.

In view of our failure as a nation to put away our sins and of our neglect to appropriate more fully these divine elements,—elements essential to national wellbeing and to safety for organized human society; and in view of our intense need for divine help in the present world struggle, Synod names Thursday of the week of prayer as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer. These things being so, this time, therefore, above all times, is most opportune for us as a church to proclaim the Kingly message in high places. Many outside our own ranks are already catching the notes of this Kingly message and are openly declaring that the only thing that can save our present civilization is a recognition and an appropriation, by the nation, of Jesus Christ as Saviour and King.

Synod, therefore, also recommends that the ministers of our Church press home these principles on every possible occasion and commends the pushing forward of the Christian Amendment to the Constitution of the United States now pending, and the presentation, so far as opportunity may afford, of the Christian principles of Civil Government to all the belligerent nations, both before and when they shall sit around the peace-table when the war is over, to attempt to work out the problems of a world-peace and a world reconstruction.

Respectfully submitted,

Agreed to and signed by the three members of the committee in attendance at Synod.

IRWIN A. BLACKWOOD,
J. M. FOSTER,
D. P. WHITE.

Elder Freeman Murphy was excused from further attendance.

The committees on Presbyterian Records reported. The records of Colorado and Iowa Presbyteries were

not present. The reports were adopted, and the proper entries made in the various records.

W. P. Johnston was granted leave to present abstract of his address at the funeral of George Kennedy as the report of the committee on his death, the report to be forwarded later to the Clerk.

It was resolved that the name of the Moderator written in the margin of minutes by the Clerks of Presbyteries be regarded as a valid signature, when it is impossible to obtain the Moderator's signature.

R. Hargrave was excused from further attendance.

The committee to prepare a letter to President Wilson was granted additional time, the letter to be forwarded when ready for the signatures of the Moderator and Clerk.

Recess was taken until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by G. R. Steele.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 1:30 P. M.

Synod reconvened and was led in prayer by D. C. Mathews.

The roll was called, and the following did not respond to their names: Conner, Coulter, Joseph Dickey, Duguid, J. D. Edgar, E. M. Elsey, J. H. Finley, Forsythe, French, Fulton, Greer, Harding, J. M. Johnston, Kempf, Kourhi, McElhinney, McIsaac, Montgomery, Moore, S. C. Patterson, Porter, R. C. Reed, T. D. Russell, R. A. M. Steele, Sterrett, D. O. Torrens, Wallace and A. A. Wylie.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

J. E. Wilson was excused from further attendance.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted. Item 7 was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

In accord with Synod's instructions in 1916, your committee prepared the tithe pledge-card authorized by Synod and a tract on the "Every Member Canvass" was printed for free distribution. Instead of publishing a tract on "How to Compute the Tithe," we made use of one with the same title, already in circulation.

The work of the committee for the past two years has been largely educational in its nature. The matter of the tithe and the "Every Member Canvass" has been repeatedly brought to the attention of all our congregations. Liberal space has been given both by the Christian Nation and Olive Trees for the discussion of these subjects. Early in the calendar year, samples of literature on the tithe and "Every Member Canvass," together with a sample tithe pledge-card authorized by Synod, were sent to each congregation in care of the pastor or representative. Accompanying these was a communication requesting the pastors and officers to arrange for the "Every Member Canvass" and send for the literature needed in the campaign. Forty-seven congregations were supplied in 1917. Thirty-two reported that the canvass was conducted—nine less than the year before. In 1918 with a similar campaign a far less number applied for literature, and we infer that fewer also conducted the canvass.

Two things may account for this decline:

First, the abnormal conditions due to the war. A part of your committee felt it unwise to press our work this year owing to the unusual demands made upon our people. It is a mark of encouragement that with all the demands of the war the support to the church has not diminished.

The second is the feeling on the part of many of our congregational leaders that the "Every Member Canvass" is not essential. The war has taught us some valuable lessons in this department of our church's work. It has demonstrated to a certainty that men in all vocations can figure the tithe. Anyone who can fill out one of Uncle Sam's income tax blanks can find his tithe. What some by law must figure, others of us should be willing to figure for the love of Christ.

Then this war settles forever the value of the "Every Member Canvass." Does anyone for one moment think that the amounts asked for Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and Liberty Bonds would be met and oversubscribed were it not for the personal canvass from house to house?

There is a two-fold secret to our country's success in raising of billions for its war work.

First, it acquaints the people with the needs. The Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. prepare a budget of the minimum amount that will be needed, apportion it to the different communities and thoroughly acquaint the people with the needs.

Second, it personally solicits them for their contributions. Both things are essential, and when presented together bring liberal responses from loyal Americans. The same two principles in Church work will bring hearty responses from loyal Christians. Perhaps we have not sufficiently emphasized the importance of acquainting the people with the church's needs. There is a need of co-ordinating our forces. Previous to conducting the "Every Member Canvass" there should be well digested information placed before the church, calling earnest attention to the needs of each department of work and the amount necessary to carry it on.

To this end we believe that Synod should have a standing budget committee to whom shall be committed in detail all estimates for the schemes for the ensuing year. This committee after matured study of all the needs and resources shall present its report and recommendations to Synod. Synod, after passing on these, can put its claims in attractive form before the church, and the canvassing committees will have the information calculated to stimulate intelligent giving. Upon this basis each con-

gregation can make up a budget of its own covering the needs of the year

The next step is to go before the people with this information and solicit their contributions in the "Every Member Canvass." This is proving in other churches to be exceedingly practical. By an intensive campaign conducted along the lines of the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. drives, the Baptists are successfully raising an extra million dollars for missions. By the same methods Southern Presbyterians are raising \$3,000,000. The Northern Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board received \$300,000 more this year than last. The all-Methodist campaign is following the same practical methods to raise eighty million dollars in five years. Our church in raising its funds cannot afford to ignore the methods that our nation and other churches have proven to be the most effective.

We recommend:

1. That the treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees, the Corresponding Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board and the Clerk of Synod shall be a standing committee who shall prepare and present to Synod a budget covering the church's needs for the ensuing year.

2. That this same committee shall print in leaflet form for the information of the Church, a statement of all the Church's needs.

3. That the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be instructed to place this information in the hands of our congregations.

4. That the financial board of each congregation be requested to make up a budget of its own, covering home expenses and its share of the schemes of the Church, based on the resources of the congregation.

5. That the pastor and officers of each congregation shall present their budget, acquaint the people with the church's needs and arrange for conducting the "Every Member Canvass," keeping foremost the principle of the tithe as a pledge of stewardship.

6. That the Committee on Systematic Beneficence shall continue to press the tithe and "Every Member Canvass" and be authorized to provide such literature as may be deemed essential.

7. As the term for which D. C. Mathews and James Carson were elected has expired, their successors should be chosen.

D. H. ELLIOTT,
R. A. BLAIR,
D. C. MATHEWS,
J. S. TIBBY,
JAMES CARSON.

The Committee on Finance reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted. Item 5 was amended and adopted. Items 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were adopted. Synod's Clerk cast the ballot as directed in item 9. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance respectfully presents its report.

I. The following papers have been placed in our hands:

1. The reports of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees and the Literary Fund.

2. The reports of Joseph M. Steele, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Church Erection and the Board of Jewish Missions.

3. The reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association.

4. The report of the Board of Control.

5. The report of the Board of Church Erection.
6. The report of the Mission Conference.
7. The report of the Western or American Section of the World Presbyterian Alliance.

8. Financial items from the reports of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, the Board of Trustees of Geneva College, the Permanent Committee on Temperance, the Committee on Witness Bearing, the Jewish Mission, the Secretary of Young People's Societies, and from the report of the Special Committee on governmental relations.

9. A communication relating to the estate of Joseph Gamble. The financial reports were all audited before being presented to Synod.

II. Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the reports of J. S. Tibby, Joseph M. Steele, and the Reformed Presbyterian Women's Association be published in the Minutes of Synod.

2. That \$40.00 be paid out of the Literary Fund into the treasury of the Western Section of the World's Presbyterian Alliance.

3. That \$19.56 be paid out of the Literary Fund to the Secretary of Young People's Societies to cancel a debt incurred during the past year, and \$100.00 out of the same fund to carry on the work during the current year.

4. That the recommendations of the Mission Conference be taken up for adoption.

5. That the matter relating to the estate of Joseph Gamble involving a bequest of forty acres of land to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the income from which is to go to the support of Miss Mary Reid during her life, be referred to Synod's Board of Trustees with power to act, and with the instruction to deal generously with Miss Reid.

6. That the proceeds of the sale of the Clarksburg Church property, amounting to \$185.00, be placed in the Domestic Mission Fund.

7. That the balance of the D. J. Shaw bequest, amounting to \$739.59, or so much of it as may be necessary, be used for the purchase of the field adjacent to the Academy building in Larnaca, Cyprus.

8. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to publish 1,200 copies of the Minutes of Synod to be placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for sale at twenty-five cents a copy.

9. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for George McKee, William J. Ward, and Robert M. Young, to be their own successors as members of Synod's Board of Trustees for a term of three years beginning June 15, 1918, and ending June 15, 1921.

III. We propose the following schedule of Collections for the fiscal year 1918-1919:

June Third Sabbath, Literary Fund.....	\$ 500.00
June Fourth Sabbath, War Service Commission.....	2,000.00
July First Sabbath, Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	2,500.00
July Third Sabbath, Aged People's Home.....	1,500.00
August First Sabbath, Aged Ministers' Fund.....	1,000.00
August Third Sabbath, Jewish Mission.....	3,500.00
September First Sabbath, Southern Mission.....	7,500.00
September Third Sabbath, Indian Mission.....	6,500.00
October First Sabbath, Domestic Mission.....	16,000.00
October Third Sabbath, Theological Seminary Library...	1,000.00
November Third Sabbath, Temperance.....	3,000.00
December First Sabbath, Syrian Mission.....	25,000.00
January First Sabbath, Mission in China.....	30,000.00
February First Sabbath, Witness Bearing.....	12,000.00
March First Sabbath, Geneva College.....	5,000.00

March Third Sabbath, Theological Seminary.....	3,000.00
April First Sabbath, Church Erection.....	3,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE, Chairman.
A. I. ROBB,
T. H. ACHESON,
A. ALEXANDER,
JAMES TORRENS,

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Moderator and Members of the R. P. Synod:

Dear Brethren.—It gives us great pleasure to submit our annual report, together with that of your Treasurer, for the year ending April 30, 1918.

Notwithstanding war conditions, the congregations have contributed more to all the schemes under our care by \$7,263.81, than last year.

The profits from the David Greeg Fund amounted to \$9,613.79 and all other funds \$30,537.53, or a total of \$40,151.32, which is \$2,952.44 over last year.

John M. Allen, William Blair and Oliver Wylie, elected by you to serve on the Board for three years to June 15, 1920, accepted their appointment.

The following bequests were received:

A. R. and Elizabeth Johnston, Hopkinton, Iowa, Syrian Mission, \$160.00.

Southern Mission, \$110.00 and Domestic Mission, \$100.00. Indian Mission, \$116.00. H. P. McClelland, Belle Center, Ohio, \$595.00, to be divided equally to China, Syria, Southern and Indian Missions.

Joseph Gamble, Olathe, Kansas, Theological Seminary, \$500.00.

Miss M. Service, Third New York Congregation Home and Sustentation Funds, \$258.61.

Mrs. Mary I. Kyle, Pine Creek Congregation, \$250.00, to be divided equally between China and Syrian Missions.

A Friend, \$417.85, the synodical interest to support a native girl in China.

Mrs. M. E. McKee, Clarinda, Iowa, \$10,000.00, per Robert Clarke, to enlarge Geneva College Dormitory building.

On June 27, the proceeds from the sale of the Clarksburg, Pa., church property was received, amounting to \$185.00, and is subject to your order.

The aggregate amount of Bonds, Mortgages, Notes and Real Estate is \$715,324.86. Out of the earnings for the year a dividend of five and a half per cent was declared. The expenses of the office amounted to \$3,053.07.

The term for which George McKee, William J. Ward and Robert M. Young were made members of the Board will expire June 15, 1918. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

The books and accounts were audited by Mr. H. A. Stout, Public Auditor, and found correct as per certificate attached to the Report of the Treasurer.

James S. Tibby, with James A. McAteer as Alternate, was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. TIRBY, Secretary Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 3, 1918.

Endowment Funds.

Geneva College	\$208,753.25
Mrs. S. J. Steele for Geneva College.....	1,000.00
J. Hays Euwer for Geneva College.....	609.00
Theological Seminary.....	69,738.75
Students' Aid.....	16,711.83
Foreign Mission.....	51,158.54
Domestic Mission.....	33,626.42
Sustentation	100.00
Southern Mission.....	5,481.23
China Mission.....	637.50
Indian Mission.....	2,000.00
Miss Joanna Speer for Indian Mission.....	471.88
Aged Ministers.....	14,378.52
Widows and Orphans.....	6,770.02
A. E. and E. S. E. Hosack.....	2,000.00
J. W. and J. E. Turner.....	2,000.00
J. R. and A. K. Lee.....	2,000.00
M. M. and M. Black	2,000.00
Mrs. M. E. and Eda S. E. McKee.....	12,000.00
Church Erection.....	3,400.00
Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee.....	30,000.00
David G. McKee.....	1,000.00
John A. McKee.....	1,000.00
James R. McKee.....	3,000.00
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee	3,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McClurkin.....	100.00
Ryegate and Barnet, Vt., congregation.....	850.00
Belle Center, Ohio, Congregation.....	1,100.00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Congregation.....	4,867.89
Iowa Presbytery.....	700.00
McKeesport and Monon, Congregation.....	8,370.00
Wilkinsburgh Congregation.....	500.00
American Bible Society.....	50.00
St. John, N. B., Congregation.....	2,700.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Congregation to organize.....	200.00
Jonathan's Creek, Ohio, Congregation.....	977.75
Mars, Pa., Congregation.....	1,200.00
Adamsville, Pa., Congregation.....	383.64
David Gregg Mortgage Fund.....	157,015.73
Mortgage Fund.....	438,024.03

David Gregg Mortgage Fund.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	\$157,971.44
Mortgages taken.....	9,850.00
Total.....	\$167,821.44
Mortgages paid.....	9,424.41
May 1, 1918, balance.....	\$158,397.00

David Gregg Mortgage Interest.

Interest received	\$	9,613.79
Services in handling funds.....	480.69	
Foreign Missions received.....	3,348.78	
Domestic Missions	2,131.04	
Sustentation	608.88	
Church Erection	608.88	
Theological Seminary	608.88	
Southern Mission	608.88	
Widows and Orphans	608.88	
Central Allegheny Congregation.....	608.88	9,612.79

Mortgage Fund.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	\$403,994.03
Mortgages taken	58,500.00
Mortgages paid	\$462,494.03
May 1, 1918, balance.....	\$438,024.03

Interest Fund.

Receipts from mortgages, notes, rents.....	30,537.53
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Expenditures.

Dividends and interest.....	28,671.02	
Share of office expenses.....	1,526.53	
Balance of profits to contingent.....	339.97	30,537.53

Expense Account.

Supplies and expenses.....	94.70	
Rent	300.00	
Phone	51.90	
Auditor	55.87	
Bond of Treasurer.....	25.00	
Clerk hire	16.25	
Insurance	9.35	
Salary of Treasurer.....	2,500.00	3,053.97

Above expenses distributed as follows:

Indian Mission	\$ 213.71	\$
Theological Seminary	244.25	
Southern Mission	244.25	
Domestic Mission	396.90	
Geneva College	427.43	
Interest Account	1,526.53	3,053.07

Cash Account.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	\$ 23,314.98
Receipts	173,740.67
	197,055.65
Expenses	184,603.93
May 1, 1918, balance.....	12,446.72

Contingent Account.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	4,203.81
Balance of 1918 profits transferred.....	339.97
May 1, 1918, balance.....	4,543.81

Geneva College Notes.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	9,180.13
Notes paid	195.00
May 1, 1918, balance.....	8,985.13

Science Hall Building Fund.

May 1, 1917 balance overdrawn.....	9,140.30
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Receipts.

William Steele Memorial.....	9,688.70
	548.42

Expenditures.

Interest one year to May 1, 1918, on overdraft	548.42
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Science Hall Equipment Fund.

May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn.....	2,698.99
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Receipts.

William Steel Memorial balance of gift.....	311.22
	2,386.57

Expenditures.

Interest to May 1, 1918, on overdraft.....	166.30	
Laboratory Cases	155.00	321.30
May 1, 1918, balance overdrawn.....		2,708.17

Beaver Valley Financial Campaign.

Receipts.

Pledges paid	15,969.89
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Expenditures.

Expenses	30.50	
Current account received.....	5,939.39	
Science Hall Building received.....	9,888.78	
Science Hall Equipment received.....	311.22	15,969.89

Dormitory Improvement Fund.

Receipts.

Mrs. M. E. McKee, Clarinda, Iowa, per Rev. Robert Clarke	10,000.00
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Current Account.

May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn.....	13,567.31
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies.....	2,251.44	
Tuition, Rents, etc.....	12,457.59	
Robert Clarke	965.00	
Dr. W. P. Johnston.....	15.00	
Dividends, Interest	12,620.27	
Miss Margaret Edgar bequest.....	590.00	
Beaver Valley Campaign.....	5,929.39	34,748.69
		21,181.39

Expenditures.

Salaries	26,460.36	
General Expenses	2,150.89	
General Supplies	5,906.97	
General Repairs	3,236.81	
Interest on overdraft.....	1,067.56	
Interest on notes.....	543.92	
Services in handling funds.....	427.43	
Library expenses for year.....	165.64	39,959.58
May 1, 1918, balance overdrawn.....		18,778.19

Witness Bearing Fund.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	534.43
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies....	4,030.00	
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee dividend.....	91.67	4,121.67
		4,655.10

Expenditures.

Printing, Postage	1,471.85	
Stenographer	321.00	
Salaries of Lecturers	503.67	
Expenses of Lecturers.....	72.36	2,368.88
May 1, 1918, balance.....		2,287.22

Domestic Mission.

May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn.....	477.29
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies.....	7,552.33	
Sustentation Fund	606.60	

Miss Margaret Edgar bequest.....	1,000.00	
A. R. and Elizabeth Johnston bequest	100.00	
William Hogan bequest.....	20.00	
Mrs. Mary Service bequest.....	258.61	
David Gregg, 1918 dividend.....	2,131.04	
Regular dividend	1,850.00	
Sundry dividends	412.50	13,931.13
		13,453 84

Expenditures.

Central Canada Presbytery.....	924.80	
Colorado	550.60	
Illinois	1,041.99	
Iowa	799.98	
Kansas	884.79	
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.....	485.00	
New York	1,536.60	
Ohio	1,557.01	
Pacific Coast	2,371.36	
Pittsburgh	2,328 86	
Rochester.....	459.99	
Evangelistic Committee	18.90	
Services Recording Secretary.....	50.30	
Minute Book	3.00	
Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson order 1917 Synod...	200.00	
Interest on overdraft.....	139.96	
Services in handling funds.....	396.90	13,443 54
May 1, 1918, balance.....		10.30

Indian Mission.

May 1, 1917, balance overdrawn.....	846.57
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies.....	3,613.63	
W. P. M. S. Pittsburgh Presbytery.....	1,000.00	
Local receipts per Rev. Carithers.....	5,718.62	
A. R. and Elizabeth Johnston bequest.....	110.00	
William Hogan bequest.....	10.00	
H. P. McClellan bequest.....	148.75	
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee dividend.....	91.66	
Miss Johanna Speer dividend.....	25.95	
Regular dividend	110.00	10,828 61
		9,982.04

Expenditures.

Local expenses per W. W. Carithers.....	4,194.93	
Railroad fare of workers.....	100.65	
Salaries	3,875.02	
Services in handling funds.....	213.71	8,384.31
May 1, 1918, balance.....		1,597.73

Southern Mission.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	879.03
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv. Societies.....	4,530.57	
A. R. and Elizabeth Johnston bequest.....	110.00	
William Hogan bequest.....	10.00	
H. P. McClelland bequest.....	148.75	
Local receipts per G. A. Edgar.....	3,058.21	
David Gregg 1918 dividend.....	608.88	
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee dividend.....	91.66	
Regular 1918 dividend	301.47	8,859.54
		9,728.57

Expenditures.

Railroad fare of workers.....	249.71	
Services in handling funds.....	244.25	
Insurance	45.75	
Local expenses Per G. A. Edgar.....	1,904.04	
Supplies, special	11.16	
Salaries, Summer School.....	147.50	
T. H. Acheson railroad expenses.....	48.10	
Salaries	6,744.52	9,395.03
May 1, 1918, balance.....		343.54

Temperance.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	220.09
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Receipts.

Congs., Indiv., Societies.....	813.30
	1,033.89

Expenditures.

Printing	866.70	
Railroad expenses	14.25	
Local expenses for postage, etc.....	1,030.55	
Salary Miss Cabeen.....	180.00	2,091.50
May 1, 1918, balance overdrawn.....		1,057.61

Theological Seminary.

May 1 1917, balance.....	6,533.68
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Receipts.

Congs. Indiv., Societies.....	1,029.58	
Joseph Gamble bequest.....	560.00	
David Gregg 1918 dividend.....	668.88	
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee dividend.....	91.67	
Ryegate and Barnet, Vt., cong. dividend.....	17.88	
Regular dividend	3,835.63	
Balance of rent transferred.....	211.47	6,295.11
		12,828.79

Expenditures.

Salary R. C. Wylie.....	2,666.66	
Salary H. J. G. McKnight.....	2,458.29	
Salary D. B. Willson.....	1,000.00	
Salary George Sleeth	500.00	
Salary W. A. Lafferty.....	60.00	
Services in handling funds.....	244.25	6,929.20
May 1, 1918, balance.....		5,899.59

Theological Seminary Library Fund.

Receipts.

Miss Margaret Edgar bequest.....	250.00
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Expenditures.

Books	47.11	
Magazines	45.13	
Printing	7.00	
Rebinding books	9.80	109.04
May 1, 1918, balance.....		140.96

Memorial Building Rent Account.

Receipts.

Park Institute rent.....	800.00
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Expenditures.		
Supplies	25.25	
Cleaning floors	12.00	
Gas	46.20	
1918 taxes	320.04	
Electric light improvements.....	160.00	
Plumbing	18.89	
Electric light	6.15	
Balance to current account.....	211.47	800.00

Students' Aid Fund.		
May 1, 1917, balance.....		1,927.91

Receipts.		
Congs., Indiv., Societies.....	66.20	
W. H. Shaw on account note.....	100.00	
Dividend	919.15	1,085.35
		3,013.26

Expenditures.		
R. W. Redpath.....	100.00	
J. K. Cault.....	200.00	
Boyd White	175.00	
A. W. Smith.....	200.00	
J. F. Carithers.....	200.00	
Charles Carson	55.00	930.00
May 1, 1918 balance.....		2,083.26

Aged Ministers' Fund.		
May 1, 1917, balance.....		1,671.62

Receipts.		
Congs., Indiv., Societies.....	493.72	
Miss Margaret Edgar bequest.....	500.00	
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee dividend.....	137.50	
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee dividend.....	27.50	
Regular dividend	790.82	2,449.54
		4,121.16

Expenditures.		
P. P. Boyd.....	600.00	
F. C. Sproull.....	500.00	1,100.00
May 1, 1918, balance.....		3,021.16

Widows and Children Deceased Ministers.		
May 1, 1917, balance.....		1,086.99

Receipts.		
Congs., Indiv., Societies.....	315.02	
David Gregg dividend.....	668.88	
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee dividend.....	137.50	
J. R. McKee dividend.....	110.00	
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee dividend.....	27.50	
Regular dividend	572.35	2,071.25
		3,157.34

Expenditures.		
Mrs. M. M. Dodds	300.00	
Mrs. D. H. Coulter.....	200.00	
Mrs. A. C. Willson.....	150.00	
Mrs. D. S. Faris.....	300.00	
Mrs. Louis Meyer.....	250.00	
Mrs. S. I. Clyde.....	150.00	
Funeral expenses Mrs. Nancy Reid.....	50.00	

Mrs R. J. Gault.....	200.00	
Miss Juliet Cannon.....	150.00	
Miss Martha Cannon.....	200.00	
Miss Anna George.....	175.00	
Miss Juliet McDonald.....	175.00	2,300.00
May 1, 1918, balance.....		857.31

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A. to audit the Accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that I have examined the Accounts, Cash in Banks and find same correct as per Report to 1918 Synod.

H. A. STOUT, Auditor.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 3d, 1918.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LITERARY FUND.

May 1, 1917, balance.....	178.02
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Receipts.

Sale of Minutes.....	335.35	
Sale of literature.....	237.44	
Collections from congregations.....	348.20	940.99
		1,119.01

Expenditures.

Systematic Benevolence Comm.....	32.85	
Soldier's Oath Comm.....	119.38	
Synodical booklets.....	10.00	
Appropriation Blanks.....	11.50	
Young People's Comm.....	55.11	
Postage on Minutes.....	40.06	
1917 Minutes.....	348.80	
Elliott's Handbook.....	80.00	
Olive Trees.....	12.00	
Appropriation Alliance Reformed Churches.....	40.00	749.70

May 1, 1918, balance.....	369.31
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JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF JOSEPH M. STEELE, TREASURER.

Statement of Balances in Funds April 30, 1918.

Board of Foreign Missions:

Syrian Hospital Fund.....	\$ 5,513.30	
Mersine Hospital Fund.....	5,805.93	
Latakia Church Building Fund.....	2,764.96	
Latakia Dwelling Building Fund.....	3,411.71	
Tarsus Building Fund.....	5,127.88	
David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund.....	1,999.56	
Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund.....	3,322.70	
Semi-Centennial Fund.....	431.68	
Rev. D. J. Shaw Foreign Mission Fund.....	739.59	
China Mission General Fund.....	5,265.27	
Syrian Mission Special Fund.....	9,431.09	
Asia Minor Special Fund.....	42.00	
Cyprus Special Fund.....	30.60	
China Special Fund.....	466.24	\$ 44,351.91
Jewish Mission board.....		1,623.34
Board of Church Erection.....		7,873.54
Olive Trees Account.....		252.79
Other Treasurer's Account.....		135.00
		54,236.58

Amounts due Missionaries.

Miss Maggie B. Edgar—Latakia.....	720.00
Rev. J. S. Stewart—Latakia.....	1,220.00
Rev. A. J. McFarland—Mersine.....	1,233.57
Dr. John Peoples—Mersine.....	660.00
Rev. Robert E. Willson—Mersine.....	630.00

4,463.57

Less advances made for Missionaries:

Miss M. Florence Mearns—Latakia..\$100.00	
Dr. Calvin McCarroll—Nicosia.....	1.00
Rev. J. A. Kempf—Tak Hing.....	2.29
	106.29
	4,357.28

58,593.56

Deposited as follows:

*Brown Brothers & Co., Philadelphia.....	\$40,595.98	
Central National Bank.....	11,849.78	
Bank of North America.....	6,148.10	58,593.86
*Includes deposit May 15, 1918, \$20,390.29.		

Syriar Hospital Fund.**Receipts.**

Balance May 1, 1917.....		5,141.88
Support of beds.....	90.00	
For general use.....	30.25	
Bequests	120.00	
Interest on account.....	131.17	371.42
		5,513.30

Mersine Hospital Fund.

Balance, May 1, 1917.....		5,226.15
Receipts.		
Support of beds.....	120.00	
For general use.....	247.50	
Bequests	80.00	
Interest on account.....	132.28	579.78
		5,805.93

Latakia Church Building Fund.

Balance May 1, 1917.....	2,693.57
Interest on account	71.39
	2,764.96

Latakia Dwelling Building Fund.

Balance May 1, 1917.....	3,326.07
Interest on account.....	85.64
	3,411.71

Tarsus Building Fund.

Balance May 1, 1917.....	5,004.49
Interest on account.....	123.39
	5,127.88

David Oliver Braun Memorial Fund.

Balance May 1, 1917.....	1,955.36
Interest on account.....	44.00
	1,999.56

Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund.

Balance May 1, 1917.....	3,259.35
Interest on account.....	63.35
	3,322.70

Semi-Centennial Fund.

Balance May 1, 1917.....	567.09
Interest on account.....	10.37
	577.46

Payments.

Olive Trees extra edition for Synod, 1916....	90.00	
J. S. Tibby, 22 copies of Minutes 1917 Synod..	5.50	
Alfred E. Marling, Treas., 35 copies F. M. Conf	10.50	
Alfred E. Marling, Treas., Garden City Conf.	25.00	
F. M. Wilson, D. D.....	14.78	145.78
		431.68

Rev. D. J. Shaw Foreign Mission Fund.

Balance May 1, 1917.....	3,139.75
Interest on account.....	70.55
	3,210.40
Transferred to Levant Mission, General Fund, to pay deficit year ending April 30, 1918.	2,470.81
	739.59

Levant (Syrian Mission) General Fund.

Receipts.

Congregations	11,317.59	
Sabbath Schools and Societies.....	1,569.95	
Individuals	974.60	13,861.54

Salaries and Travel Returned.

Rev. S. Edgar.....	389.39	
Rev. R. E. Wilison.....	142.68	
Miss E. S. Peoples (travel).....	78.84	610.91

Bequests and Legacies.

A. R. and Elizabeth Johnson.....	100.00	
Mrs. M. I. Kyle.....	125.00	
H. P. McClelland.....	148.75	
Through J. S. Tibby.....	70.00	443.75

Dividends.

A. E. and E. E. Horace.....	27.50	
J. W. and J. E. Turner.....	27.50	
J. R. and H. K. Lee.....	27.50	
M. M. and M. Black.....	27.50	
D. G. McKee.....	13.75	
J. A. McKee.....	13.75	
J. R. McKee.....	27.50	
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee.....	50.00	
Rev. David and Mrs. M. E. McKee.....	307.50	
David Gregg	1,978.83	
Ryegate, Vermont, Congregation.....	8.94	
Through J. S. Tibby (no detail).....	1,406.86	3,917.13
		18,833.33

No balance May 1, 1917.

Disbursements.

Syria (Latakia and Saida Stations).

Salaries	\$3,949.49	
Mission expense	113.04	4,067.53

Asia Minor (Tarsus) Station.

Salaries	5,680.00		
Mission expense	2,843.84		
Travel	684.64		
Rent of building, Mersine.....	10,463.33	1,250.00	

Cyprus Station.

Salaries	4,040.00		
Mission expense	2,234.39		
Travel	493.84	6,773.23	21,304.14
Expenses		21,304.14	
Receipts		18,833.33	2,470.81
Transferred from Rev. D. J. Shaw Foreign Mission Fund.....			2,470.81

China Mission, General Fund.**Receipts.**

Congregations	14,806.17		
Sabbath Schools and Societies....	3,004.84		
Individuals	2,622.92	20,433.93	

Salaries and Travel Returned.

Rev. A. I. Robb.....	261.00		
Rev. R. A. Blair (travel).....	63.49	224.49	

Bequests and Legacies.

Mrs. M. I. Kyle.....	125.00		
Mrs. N. E. Saw.....	300.00		
H. P. McClelland.....	148.75		
Mrs. Sarah McLain.....	10.00		
Mrs. M. E. and E. S. E. McKee....	660.00		
Through J. S. Tibby.....	70.00	1,313.75	

Dividends.

A. E. and E. E. Hosack.....	27.50		
J. W. and J. E. Turner.....	27.50		
J. R. and H. K. Lee.....	27.50		
M. M. and M. Black.....	27.50		
D. G. McKee.....	13.75		
J. R. McKee.....	27.50		
J. A. McKee.....	13.75		
Rev. David and Mrs. M. E. McKee..	102.50		
D. Gregg	1,978.83		
Through J. S. Tibby (no detail)...	1,406.86		
Lyegate, Vermont, Congregation.	8.93		
Chinese Mission Endowment.....	35.06	3,697.18	25,769.35
Balance May 1, 1917.....			8,726.77
			34,496.12

Disbursements.

Salaries	17,730.00		
Mission expense	9,318.62		
Travel	2,182.23	29,230.85	
			5,265.27

Syria Mission, Special Fund.**Receipts.**

Famine Relief Fund.....	8,063.72		
Support and Education.....	40.00		
		8,103.72	

Balance May 1, 1917.....	1,327.37	9,431.09
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On account of the war, no funds could be forwarded to this Mission.

Asia Minor, Special Fund.

Receipts.

Support and Education.....	22.00	
Discretion of Missionaries.....	20.00	42.00

No payments made to this Mission.

Cyprus Mission, Special Fund.

Receipts.

Support and Education	30.00	
Balance May 1, 1917.....	72.00	102.00
Payments		72.00
		<u>30.00</u>

China Mission, Special Fund.

Receipts.

Support and Education.....	2,287.22	
Special Purposes	200.03	
Discretion of Missionaries.....	175.00	
	<u>2,662.25</u>	
Balance May 1, 1917.....	370.21	3,032.46
Cash forwarded to Mission.....		2,566.22
		<u>466.24</u>

Jewish Mission Board.

Receipts.

Congregations	1,659.55
Sabbath Schools and Societies.....	545.48
Individuals	685.40
Receipts direct to mission.....	328.02
	<u>3,218.45</u>

Bequests and Legacies.

Margaret Edgar	250.00	3,468.45
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Disbursements.

Salaries	1,548.00	
Mission expense	1,027.53	2,575.53
		<u>892.92</u>
Balance May 1, 1917.....		730.42
		<u>1,623.34</u>

Board of Church Erection.

Receipts.

Congregations	996.01	
Sabbath Schools and Societies.....	66.31	
Individuals	17.30	1,079.62

Dividends.

Interest on balance.....	193.94	
Interest on Church Erection Endowment...	187.00	380.94
		<u>1,460.56</u>

Loans on Mortgage.

St. Louis Congregation.....	200.00	
Hemet	600.00	800.00
		660.56
Balance May 1, 1917.....		7,212.98
		7,873 54

Olive Trees Account.**Receipts.**

Semi-Centennial Fund	90.00	
Through Rev. R. A. Blair.....	899.41	989.41
Balance May 1, 1917.....		526.54
		1,515.95

Disbursements.

Ludwig Printing House.....	1,047.34	
Commercial Photo Engraving Company.....	34.47	
Paper folders	15.00	
Expenses Rev. R. A. Blair.....	166.35	1,263.16
		252.79

Amounts Due Missionaries.

Miss Maggie B. Edgar, Latakia.....	720.00	
Rev. D. S. Stewart, Latakia.....	1,220.00	
Rev. A. J. McFarland, Mersine.....	1,233.57	
Dr. John Peoples, Mersine.....	660.00	
Robert E. Willson, Mersine.....	630.00	
	4,463.57	

Less Advances Made for Missionaries.

Miss M. Florence Mearns, Latakia.	100.00	
Dr. Calvin McCarroll, Nicosia.....	4.00	
Rev. J. A. Kempf, Tak Hing.....	2.29	106.29
		4,357.28

The amount due Missionaries represents accrued salaries which could not be forwarded to the Levant section, owing to the war conditions.

The advances made for Missionaries represent payments made for their accounts since forwarding salaries.

Secretary and Treasurer's Expense.

Secretary's expense	367.82	
Audit	50.00	
Premium on Treasurer's Bond.....	50.00	
Stationery and Postage.....	48.07	
Committee of Reference and Counsel.....	10.44	
500 Manuals	18.94	545.27

Comparative Report.

	1917.		1918.	
	Receipts.	Paym'ts.	Receipts.	Paym'ts.
Levant Mission, General Fund.	\$25,611.56	\$26,606.58	\$21,304.14	\$20,976.99
China Mission, General Fund	26,768.72	19,916.21	25,769.35	29,012.73
Syria Mission Special Fund	5,361.11	5,021.98	8,103.72	
Asia Minor Mission Special Fund	4,555.97	5,013.25	42.00	

Cyprus Mission Special Fund	72.00	40.00	30.00	72.00
China Mission Special Fund	1,543.62	1,427.17	2,662.25	2,566.22
Jewish Mission	3,575.36	3,005.34	3,468.45	2,575.53
Church Erection	5,567.58	5,150.00	1,460.56	800.00
Olive Trees	1,809.23	1,406.26	989.41	1,263.16
Latakia Hospital	470.86	...	371.42	...
Mersine Hospital	874.97	...	579.78	...
Latakia Church Fund ..	59.26	...	71.39	...
Latakia Dwell. Fund..	73.18	...	85.64	...
Tarsus Bldg. Fund....	110.12	...	123.39	...
D. O. Braun Fund.....	43.03	...	44.00	...
Harry Lamphear Fund.	...	170.90	...	...
I. S. Martin Fund.....	71.71	...	63.35	...
Semi-Centen'l Fund....	12.46	25.00	10.37	145.78
Rev. D. J. Shaw Fund..	130.26	2,780.41	70.65	2,470.81
Secretary and Treasurer's Expenses ..		452.95		545.27
Advances for Missionaries	54.00	110.77	110.77	106.29
Amount due Missionaries			4,463.57	
	<u>\$76,465.10</u>	<u>\$71,126.80</u>		
Other Treas. Balance...	2.00		135.00	2.00
	<u>\$76,467.10</u>		<u>\$69,959.21</u>	<u>\$60,526.78</u>
Receipts in excess.....		5,340.30		9,422.43
		<u>76,467.10</u>		<u>59,959.21</u>
Balance May 1, 1917..			49,171.43	
Net receipts, 1918.....			9,422.43	58,593.86
Deposited as follows:				
Brown Bros. & Co.....			40,595.98	
Central National Bank.....			11,849.78	
Bank of No. America.....			6,148.10	58,593.86

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Your Board would respectfully report:

Three meetings were held during the year, and the following business was transacted: November 12, 1917, a communication from James A. Beattie with reference to the sale of the Evans church property was presented and considered. On motion the Secretary was instructed to advise the congregation that if the property was sold, money granted by the Board and invested in the property should be returned, or if invested in other property, should be secured to the Board by mortgage on that property.

At the same meeting a letter from Rev. J. S. Thompson was presented. It was to the effect that the property rented by the Hemet, California, Congregation was to be sold, and that it could be bought for the amount of the mortgage—\$1,000.00—plus a few months' interest. Mr. Thompson said the property suited the congregation very well at present, and considered it a bargain. He also said that the congregation had raised \$500.00 towards the purchase of the property. On motion the Treasurer was authorized to forward at once \$600.00 to the Hemet congregation. The property was purchased and the deed has been placed in the hands of Synod's Board of Trustees.

March 12, 1918, a request from the Winnipeg, Canada, congregation for an additional loan of \$1,000.00, was presented, and after some consideration was, on motion, laid on the table until the Board could inquire a little more fully concerning the conditions and prospects of said congregation.

May 21, 1918, an application from the Greeley, Colorado, congregation for a loan of \$4,000.00 was presented and considered. This congregation proposes to build a new house of worship

The plans submitted indicate that, when the building is completed, it will be both attractive and commodious.

On motion a loan of \$3,000.00 was granted to the Greeley congregation, on condition that this amount, together with other amounts granted, be properly secured to the church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts during the year, all sources.....	\$1,460.56
Balance May 1, 1917.....	7,212.98
Total	\$8,673.54
Loans granted during the year.....	800.00
Balance May 1, 1918.....	\$7,873.54

The above statement does not include loan granted to the Greeley congregation.

The Board asks for an appropriation of \$3,000.00 this year.

In closing we record the death of the oldest member of the Board, Mr. Henry O'Neill, who passed from his labor to his reward February 28, 1918. Mr. O'Neill was a wise counsellor, and a faithful member of the Board for many years. We miss him greatly in our meetings, but our loss is his gain. To work is still ours; the enjoyment of the reward is now his.

The time for which R. C. Montgomery, H. O'Neill, and S. A. S. Metheny were chosen has expired, and their successors should be chosen.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. BOLE, President.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

In submitting the Annual Report for the Women's Association having in charge the Reformed Presbyterian Home for Aged we respectfully present the following items: The usual number of meetings have been held, and the attendance and interest manifested has been equal to that of former years.

Since our last annual meeting the following members have joined the circle at the Home: On April 3 Miss Eleanor Gray, a member of Second New York Congregation, came to the Home. Mr. Calvin McConaughy, a member of our Washington, Iowa, congregation, was admitted on July 11, and Mrs. Annie L. Smythe of Wilmerding on March 11, 1918. Mr. William Beeks of Ray, Indiana, has been admitted, but has not entered the Home.

It is with sorrow that we report that the circle has been invaded by death, and that Miss Margaret Eccles, Miss Margaret Mitchell, and Mrs. Sarah J. Haggarty have passed to their home on high.

On Donation Day friends of the Home showed their appreciation of the work being carried on, and of the increased cost of maintenance owing to the high cost of living, by liberal contributions, both of money and of provisions.

Two life directors have been added to the association; John George of White Cottage, Ohio, and Mrs. Nowcombe of Somerset, Nova Scotia. Three life members—Dr. D. E. W. Martin, Mrs. G. E. Young, Mrs. R. W. Wallace by Mrs. Mary Morton.

A friend, through the Central L. M. S., gave \$50 as a memorial to Mrs. John Aiken.

Two hundred and fifty dollars has been given the Association for the Marshall Memorial room.

After years of consecrated service, our greatly beloved matron Miss Etta Jamison, felt constrained to relinquish the task which she had borne with so much love and faithfulness, and the duties of matron have been assumed by Mrs. John Russell of Bovina congregation, New York.

Mrs. W. J. Ward, for fourteen years the faithful recording secretary of both the Association and the Board of Managers,

resigned the duties of the office, and her resignation was accepted with great regret.

Prayer-meeting has been conducted throughout the year under the leadership of the Students of Theology and other Covenanters, and an occasional sermon is preached in the chapel at the Home on Sabbath evening.

During the months of July and August the meetings of the Young People's Society of the Allegheny Congregation were held at the Home, and were greatly enjoyed by the members.

We take this occasion to thank the ministers and licentiates who preached at the Home on Sabbath evenings, and the physicians and dentists who have so kindly ministered to the needs of the sick and suffering in the Home.

We also rejoice that in the good Providence of God we have been enabled to pay seven hundred dollars of our indebtedness.

We respectfully ask that Synod appropriate \$1,500 to carry on the work this year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. H. MARTIN, Secretary.

AGED PEOPLE'S HOME, REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Analysis of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ended February 28, 1918.

Receipts.

Source—

Congregational collections	\$ 851.72	
Donations	1,962.46	
Membership dues	357.20	
Boarding income	1,420.30	
Interest received on mortgages, etc.....	394.71	
Rent income	1,353.00	
Sundry accounts receivable.....	33.54	
Telephone and telegraph.....	15.05	
Cash, sundry income	75.20	
Manager's contingent fund.....	9.75	
Members' fund	1,045.00	
Admission fees	500.00	
To endow Marshall Room.....	250.00	
Hunter Brothers bonds.....	68.68	
Surplus of Savings Fund transferred to active account	15.97	
Tax rebate	19.92	
Transferred from Mellon Bank to Wilkesburg Real Estate and Trust Co.....	52.51	
Total receipts ..		\$ 8,425.51
Balance March 1, 1917.....		116.42
		8,541.93
Disbursements		7,741.07
Balance March 1, 1918.....		\$ 800.86

Disbursements.

Purpose—

Burial expense	\$ 212.63
Commissions ..	8.97
Drugs and medicine	38.83
Food supplies ..	1,928.80
General expense	715.64
Upkeep of grounds, garden, chickens, etc....	110.30
Insurance	34.20
Interest on mortgages, etc.....	1,047.23
Matron's expense account.....	276.00
Light, heat and water.....	778.59
Nursing	41.80
Printing, postage and stationery.....	101.59
Plumbing	125.95

Repairs and renewals.....	323.81
Salaries	1,217.97
Telephone and telegraph.....	33.29
*Taxes	44.22
Balance in Mellon Bank transferred.....	52.51
Expenses of foreclosure of Avalon property ..	449.74
Payment on mortgage on Home property...	700.00

Total disbursements \$ 7,741.07

*Rating for city taxes could not be obtained in time to pay them before the closing of our books.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY C. WARD, Treasurer.

Auditor's Certificate.

I, the undersigned, appointed by the Women's Association of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to audit the accounts of Mary C. Ward, Treasurer, would respectfully report that I have examined the accounts and cash in banks and find same correct as per report of March 1, 1917—February 28, 1918.

H. A. STOUT, Auditor.

1014 Ridge Ave., Coraopolis, Pa.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 1918.

REPORT OF THE MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference met in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls, Pa., on Tuesday, June 4, 1918, at 9:45 A. M. The Conference was called to order and opened with prayer by the chairman, S. G. Connor. F. F. Reade was elected clerk and J. C. Slater, assistant clerk.

Forty-three congregations and mission stations applied to this Conference for aid, and appropriations to the amount of \$14,286.00 were recommended as follows:

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Denver (for pastor)	400.00
La Junta (if congregation raises \$1,080.00).....	300.00

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Church Hill	175.00
Selma	400.00

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Chicago	500.00
Vernon	200.00
Washington (if congregation raise \$850.00).....	350.00

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Billings (if congregation bring salary up to \$1,080.00).....	300.00
Minneola (for supplies).....	300.00
Stafford (if congregation bring the total to \$1,100.00).....	400.00
Tabor	300.00
Topeka (for Irving Place Mission).....	500.00

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY.

Cornwallis	400.00
St. John and Barnesville.....	400.00

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Bovina (if the congregation raise \$850.00).....	150.00
Brooklyn	240.00
Coldenham (if the congregation raise \$550.00).	350.00
Montclair	250.00
West Hebron (for half-time, if congregation raise \$275.00)...	250.00
White Lake (if congregation raise salary to \$1,200.00).....	500.00

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Belle Center	175.00
Bellefontaine (for stated supply).....	400.00

Cedarville (if congregation raise \$400 for pastor or S. S.)...	400.00
Cedarville (for supplies).....	200.00
Hetherton (for pastor or S. S. for two-thirds time).....	300.00
Hetherton (for supplies—5.00 per day if congregation pay out \$600.00)	300.00
Jonathan's Creek (if congregation raise \$750.00 for pastor).....	300.00
Southfield	300.00
Ray (for pastor or S. S.).....	450.00
Ray (for supplies)	250.00

PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Hemet	720.00
Portland	700.00
Santa Ana	250.00

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY.

Bear Run (if congregation raise \$364 for one-half time) \$6.00 per Sabbath for 26 Sabbaths.....	156.00
Brookland (for half-time, if congregation raise \$300.00)....	100.00
Connellsville (if congregation, counting interest on invested funds, bring the salary up to \$1,200.00).....	300.00
East End (\$400.00 if congregation bring their proportion of the salary up to \$1,280.00).....	300.00
Pine Creek (for half-time).....	180.00
Rehoboth (for one-half time).....	150.00
Slippery Rock	200.00
Youngstown (for three-fourths time).....	400.00

PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL CANADA.

Content (if the congregation raise \$500.00).....	500.00
Edmonton (to the Presbytery for use in this field).....	100.00
Provost (to the Presbytery for use in this field).....	100.00
Winnipeg	840.00

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Lochiel	400.00
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The clerk of the Conference was instructed to write Bovina Congregation inquiring why, with so many tithers reported, the amount raised for salary is so small—whether the members, in computing the tenth, include the tithe of their living; also to write Content Congregation with reference to the possibility of their readjusting the amounts paid to schemes which seem, to the Conference, to be out of proportion to the amount paid for pastor's salary.

We recommend:

1. That the applications from aid-receiving congregations be mailed to J. S. Tibby when the representatives of Presbyteries cannot be present in person for the opening of the Mission Conference.

F. F. READE, Clerk.

BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board has held one meeting during the year. The receipts for the year are \$614.38.

We recommend that the money be transferred to the Domestic Mission account to meet supplements paid out during the year to aid receiving congregations.

S. G. CONNOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Synod's Board of Control would respectfully report:

The Board met in annual session at the house of W. J. Marshall, Morning Sun, Iowa, November 15, 1917.

O. L. Samson, Washington, Iowa was elected President, E. L. McKnight Secretary, and A. F. Reid assistant secretary.

A statement from Treasurer J. S. Tibby showed the following sums to be at the disposal of the Board:

Aged Ministers' Fund.....	\$1,964.56
Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	1,430.38
Students' Aid Fund.....	2,600.39

There came before the Board applications for aid from the following persons:

Students of Theology—Boyd A. White, J. K. Gault, R. W. Redpath, Charles F. Carson, Alvin W. Smith, J. E. Carithers.

Aged Ministers' Fund—F. P. Boyd and T. C. Sprcull.

Widows and Orphans' Fund—Mrs. Sarah I. Clyde, Miss Juliet McDonald, Miss Martha Cannon, Mrs. Nancy Reed, Mrs. Lewis Meyer, Mrs. D. S. Farris, Mrs. D. H. Coulter, Mrs. J. Potts Dodds, Mrs. Agnes Willson, Miss Anna B. George.

After carefully considering all applications, your Board made appropriations, in varying amounts, to each applicant.

Your Board then drew orders upon the treasurer for the various applicants in sums aggregating from the

Students' Aid Fund..	\$ 930.00
Aged Ministers' Fund.....	1,100.00
Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	2,050.00

We request for the coming year:

Aged Ministers' Fund.....	\$1,000.00
Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	2,500.00

A special appeal is made for increased contributions for Widows and Orphans. H. G. Patterson was appointed to present this appeal.

The time for which H. G. Patterson and S. O. Carson were elected has expired and their successors should be elected.

E. L. McKNIGHT, Secretary of the Board.

J. G. McElhinney, J. M. Wylie, D. R. Taggart and A. Kilpatrick were excused from further attendance.

A resolution introduced by J. S. Thompson was adopted and is as follows:

That Presbyteries be directed before giving letters of standing to ministers, licentiates, or students of theology to first see that the funds of the church have been properly protected.

The Clerk was directed to write all the congregations of the church, reminding them of the 20 per cent increase in pastors' salaries recommended by Synod.

The expense of sending the telegram ordered by Synod, \$1.25, was ordered paid from the Literary Fund.

The Committee on Nominations made its final report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee would respectfully recommend the following nominations:

1. Committee to arrange a plan of action as called for in the memorial from Philadelphia Presbytery: S. A. S. Metheny, W. J. Coleman, J. S. McGaw, D. H. Elliott and J. H. Finley.

2. Committee to reply to the letter received from the members of the Red Cross expedition in Palestine: J. C. Slater, J. W. Dodds and W. M. Moore.
3. Members of the Board of Control: That H. G. Patterson and S. O. Carson be elected their own successors.
4. Committee to report on the death of Dr. George Kennedy: W. P. Johnston and R. J. G. McKnight.
5. Committee to prepare a letter to President Wilson: J. C. McFeeters, F. M. Wilson, M. M. Pearce, S. A. S. Metheny and James Anderson.
6. Committee on Covenant Renovation: J. B. Tweed, J. C. Slater, R. H. Martin, R. M. Downie and J. E. Dodds.
7. Moderator's alternate: J. D. Edgar
8. Members of the Committee on Temperance: That J. G. McElhinney and T. C. Weir be their own successors.
9. National War Service Commission: T. H. Acheson, I. A. Blackwood, R. C. Reed, R. A. M. Steele and T. H. Martin.
10. Secretary of Young People's Work: J. D. Edgar.
11. Committee to urge the claims of the Aged Ministers' Fund: That the present committee be continued.
12. Members of the Witness Bearing Committee: That Robert Park, S. J. Johnston, J. H. McBurney and J. S. Tibby be their own successors.
13. Members of the Board of Church Erection: That R. C. Montgomery and S. A. S. Metheny be their own successors and that J. Burt Wilson be added to the Board.
14. Committee to report on the advisability of making a digest of the deliverances of Synod: R. C. Wylie, J. S. Thompson and A. A. Wylie.
15. Committee on Systematic Beneficence: That D. C. Mathews be elected his own successor and that S. A. S. Metheny be added to the committee.
16. To write letters of sympathy as follows:
 To D. B. Wilson, W. J. McKnight.
 To Mrs. George Kennedy, F. M. Foster.
 To W. J. Crawford, A. Kilpatrick.
 To Dr. and Mrs. Sommerville, J. C. McFeeters.
 To J. M. Faris, John Coleman.
 To H. G. Foster, J. M. Coleman.
 To A. A. Johnston, D. B. Martin.
 To Rev. and Mrs. J. R. W. Stevenson, W. W. Carithers.
 To T. C. Sproull, W. J. Coleman.
17. Committee on the Revision of the Music of the Psalter: That the present committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. PEARCE,
 D. B. MARTIN,
 A. A. WYLIE,
 H. A. McISAAC,
 W. R. STERRITT.

The Committee on National Reform reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted. J. S. McGaw, National Field Secretary, was heard with reference to the work of the Association. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

Your committee would respectfully report the receipt of the usual papers, viz.: "The Report of the Covenanter Members of the Executive Committee" and "The Annual Financial Report of the National Reform Association."

These reports will be found printed in the Minutes of Synod.

In them we note the amending of the Charter of the Association in order to care for the increased receipts and expenditures of the organization. Also the growth of the work as indicated by the amount of money handled. That there is reported a favorable balance in the treasury, and a growing constituency is supporting the work.

As to the interests and activities of the Association, we are impressed with a number of items. The greatly enlarged opportunities for work are a matter for both gratitude and concern. The lines of work reported serve to indicate the proportions of the field. The fundamental principle of Christ's Headship in National Government and in international affairs is being emphasized in a new way in connection with the world war; and the solution of the problems involved is being presented with great attention and influence.

The usual lines of work have been followed faithfully. The struggle to secure and preserve a civil Sabbath is a general need and a critical issue in some localities. The place of the Bible in the public schools has been pressed with persistent effort and with encouraging results in some particulars.

The Anti-Mormon Crusade is for the present an issue of great importance and activity for reasons given in the report and in the literature of the Association.

It is a matter of great gratification to know of the increased circulation of the Christian Statesman with the message that it carries, and the ability with which it is edited.

We are glad that the publicity work of the Association is now in its own hands and carried on so efficiently.

We anticipate with interest the approaching Conference in preparation for the Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference to be held at the close of the war.

The announcement that the Association is providing a study on the "COLLAPSE OF CHRISTLESS CIVILIZATION," as contained in a book by Dr. R. C. Wylie, is welcome news.

The Association deservedly holds its place as pioneer and leader in the realm of National Reformation among the various reform organizations of our day. Numerous and encouraging indications of this continually arise.

We recommend:

1. That Synod recognize with appreciation the efforts put forth to emphasize the sins of nations and the remedy provided in the Mediatorial Rule of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. We commend the use made of Providential conditions to advance the claims of Christ upon the nations and to advance His rule over them.

3. We commend the literature of the Association to our members for personal use and distribution.

4. That Synod express approval of the continuing in the work of J. S. Martin, J. R. Wylie, J. S. McGaw and I. A. Blackwood in the respective positions which they now occupy.

5. That Synod name the sum of \$10,000 as a guide to our people in making their contributions to this cause, and that the first Sabbath of November be named as the day for this offering.

6. That Synod hear James S. McGaw as the representative of the cause in connection with the consideration of this report

(Signed) A. A. SAMSON.

D. H. ELLIOTT.

R. W. FIPER.

J. B. DODDS.

E. F. THOMPSON.

REPORT OF THE COVENANT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

Never before has the truth been so widely realized that the nations of the earth are receiving the judgments of God for national sins; nor has the public ever before been so ready to accept the fact that our own nation is guilty of many sins which she must forsake if she is to receive the favor of God. Never

before has the necessity for the great Christian ideals of national life and international relationship been so emphasized by the leaders of thought and civic life. Adding urgency to all of this has been the enforced knowledge of the daily enlarging danger to the very existence of the nation and its liberties. Consequently, the multitudes have never been more ready to hear and heed the message which we have to deliver. The year has, therefore, seen a marked advance along all lines of the Association's activities and has been characterized by open doors everywhere for our representatives, earnest, thoughtful consideration of the truth and principles enunciated, cordial co-operation on the part of many who, heretofore, have been indifferent, and a hearty financial response which proves all the foregoing to be genuine. For all that we have been enabled to do we wish to record our grateful acknowledgment of the presence and power of Almighty God and express our dependence upon Him as the only hope of fulfilling the trust committed to us in these momentous and trying times.

The Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference.

Perhaps no other project of the Association has furnished so great an opportunity for the presentation of the whole national reform program in its relation to the United States and to world reconstruction after the war.

In response to the earnest request of Christian statesmen abroad we decided to postpone the World Assembly until after the war. But in order that the great opportunity and pressing need of the present might be fittingly met, we are now preparing for a Preliminary Assembly of the World's Conference which is to be held in Pittsburgh this month.

The work, however, of the great world meeting is going forward and the close of the war will find the Association ready to launch the enterprise with full vigor.

The War and the Kingdom of Christ.

The Association is freely giving its strength to the winning of the war and is, by its speakers and press, giving every possible aid to the government in the furtherance of the various campaigns. At the same time, we have not failed to point out explicitly the sins which have caused the awful cataclysm and the only hope of victory and permanent peace through repentance and reformation on the basis of the principles of the Prince of Peace.

We have also done our full share in the securing and furtherance of the observance of the day of fasting, humiliation and prayer recently called by the President of the United States. Our General Superintendent spent a number of days in Washington, D. C., to this end.

The Bible in the Public Schools.

We believe the public education of the youth of the land to be of such vital importance in the nation's life and character that we continue to steadily press the issue on the platform and in the press. Noteworthy among the efforts to this end within the year has been the work done in behalf of the observance of the Second Sabbath of September as a Day of Prayer for Schools. Great quantities of literature have been sent throughout the land and hundreds of sermons preached and prayers offered in every state in the Union. Through the publicity articles furnished the secular and religious press, the message of the need of Christian education and laws to protect it has been widely disseminated. Fully six months of this year have been devoted by the General Field Secretary to the furtherance of the campaign for the Bible in the Public Schools of California, with encouraging success.

Anti-Mormon Crusade.

The crusade against Mormon criminal aggressions has made most rapid and manifest progress within the past year.

Several strong additions have been made to our previously

strong force of speakers in this crusade. These additions have contributed markedly to the growing effectiveness of the nation-wide campaign.

It has been found necessary to add also to the field and office forces in order to make suitable bookings for the speakers and to utilize to the best advantage of the cause the results, financial and otherwise, of their platform work.

While all kinds of Christian effort have been greatly intensified by the war, there are not a few who regard this particular line of work intensified and magnified in importance above all other single efforts.

The great shortage of men on account of the war, leaving a score and more millions of surplus women without any opportunity whatever for lawful consorts, in itself constitutes a grave social propaganda, already in effect, to restore the man-power lost in the war by resorting to polygamy, the marriage of many women to one man, it would seem that we are face to face with the most acute sex and marriage problem the world has ever known. The many demands for man-power in the business and industrial world will no doubt greatly augment the temptation to resort to polygamy. If this war should continue a few years longer, it would seem that unless God wills it otherwise and specially intervenes to put into effect His holy will we shall have world-wide polygamy.

We have within the year printed and circulated over 3,000,000 of pages of literature, addressed 100 public meetings attended by approximately 280,000 people, who have made in cash and pledges a total contribution of over \$60,000, made 9,000 annual subscriptions for the Christian Statesman and almost unanimously approved the resolution calling upon Congress for the speedy submission of the pending anti-polygamy amendment.

In connection with the work of the Crusade, as never before we have with marked success been able to present the fundamental principles of our Association to the largest and most influential audiences addressed.

The Sabbath.

A time of war has always been marked by a noted increase in Sabbath desecration. The present is no exception.

The Association has been continuously on the alert and through its speakers, by the press and by remonstrances, forwarded to the proper authorities, has warned the nation against the danger of laxness in this regard and of the absolute necessity of protecting the proper observance of the day.

California is the only state in the Union which has no Sabbath law. During the year, we inaugurated a special campaign for the securing of such a law, and appointed Dr. Samuel W. Gamble, who has had thirty-two years' experience in this specific field of reform work, to co-operate with our General Field Secretary. The battle has already been carried before the city council of Los Angeles and will be fought in all the cities and towns of the state as a means of ultimately securing a state-wide law.

Other Reforms.

Temperance, marriage and divorce, the white slave traffic, social purity, as well as other definite reforms, have received attention at our hands. In the pulpit, the institute, Chautauqua platform addresses and through our publicity bureau, in both the secular and religious press, as well as the columns of the Christian Statesman, these reform measures have been advocated with zeal and energy.

The Christian Statesman.

We are glad to report that our official organ is now under the efficient management of Dr. I. A. Blackwood as Editor-in-Chief, who is devoting his whole time to the work. Under these conditions we have been able to do much in the improvement of the magazine in every way. The steady increase in the subscription list has been one of our greatest encouragements. The net increase this year has exceeded 8,000.

Publicity.

Within the year we have established our own publicity bureau—The Reform Press Bureau—which is under the eminent management of the Assistant Superintendent.

This has proven most satisfactory. Not only have we been able to secure the columns of the daily press, but there has been a noted advance in the amount of publicity secured in the religious periodicals of the country.

Letter and Literature.

Fully 1,000 separately dictated and about 52,000 circular letters have been mailed from the office since our last report. Over 10,000 tracts which, together with other material sent out, total over 3,000,000 pages of literature have been widely distributed.

We are glad to announce that a long-felt need of the Association has been supplied. We are greatly indebted to Dr. R. C. Wythe for the presentation to the Association and the public a volume under the title "Collapse of Christless Civilization," which presents in a masterly way the fundamental principles of the Kingdom of Christ in their application to the present world crisis. It may be secured at our headquarters or from Mr. James S. Tibby.

The Workers.

Seven field workers and speakers have been added to the list of those who are under salary and giving their whole time to the cause. This makes a total of fourteen who are now carrying forward our plans to reach the public. This added to many who are giving part of their time constitute a force unequalled in our history. Two have been added to the office force, making a total of seven in the office most of the time.

Institutes, Conventions and Assemblies.

The management of the Winona Assembly has requested the Association to put on our regular program in their large auditorium at the most popular hours of the day. Following this institute a series of seven institutes will be held in cities from Winona to Ocean City, N. J. The latter place has asked that we furnish a program each year and make our work there a permanent institution.

The annual meeting and convention of the Association, held in Pittsburgh in December, was a success in every way.

Finance.

The financial receipts of the Association this year have exceeded those of last year, unprecedented as they were.

We are now in possession of our new charter which fixes the maximum annual income at \$500,000 instead of \$50,000 as heretofore. Most of our contributions are received in small sums ranging from one to six dollars. We now have 50,000 names on our books of citizens in all parts of the United States who are financially interested in our work, and fully \$50,000 unpaid but collectable pledges.

For all the blessings bestowed during the year we have abundant reason for thanksgiving to God and encouragement to go forward in the divine cause, assured that He who rules the destiny of men and nations will usher in His Kingdom in due time.

We wish to express our gratitude to this Synod for its earnest co-operation with the Association through the years and to the congregations for their generosity in support of the movement.

We would request of the Church the coming year the same amount as was recommended by the Synod a year ago. And the approval of the appointment of J. Renwick Wyllie, James S. Martin, Irvin A. Blackwood and James S. McGaw to the positions which they now occupy in the work of Association.

J. S. McGAW, Chairman of Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 1, 1916, TO DECEMBER 1, 1917.

December 1 balance overdrawn.....\$ \$ 1,047.59

Receipts.

Sale of Literature.....	69.16	
Subscriptions to C. Statesman.....	3,636.39	
Secretaries in the field—general.....	4,984.32	
General work	8,611.20	
Bible in the Public Schools.....	1,595.70	
Anti-Mormon Crusade	28,616.39	
Dividends	584.60	
Third World's C. C. Conference.....	2,923.01	
Anti-Polygamy Crusade	227.17	50,447.34
		<u>.49,399.74</u>

Expenditures.

General Work—

Christian Statesman	3,837.57
Office Postage and Supplies.....	1,034.35
Office Salaries and Rent.....	3,137.08
Field Secretaries, Salaries.....	6,394.05
Field Secretaries, Expenses.....	1,397.50
Winona Lake, Ind., Expenses.....	105.87
General Publicity	715.29
Annual Meeting	274.29
Interest on borrowed money.....	330.00
Money repaid on loans.....	2,175.00

Bible in Public Schools—

Salaries of speakers.....	1,500.02
Expenses of speakers.....	1,023.51

Anti-Mormon Crusade—

Postage and supplies	1,116.02
Salaries of speakers.....	11,442.72
Expenses of speakers.....	3,285.02
Publicity	1,818.67
Printing	1,590.63

Third World's C. C. Conference—

Salaries of Secretaries.....	2,433.32
Expenses of Secretaries.....	1,737.04
Anti-Polygamy contributions forwarded....	334.17
	<u>45,882.22</u>

December 1, 1917, balance..... 3,517.52

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 11, 1917.

Auditor's Certificate.

I hereby certify that I have made a careful audit of the books and papers of the National Reform Association from December 1, 1916, to December 1, 1917, and herewith confirm the above report.

H. A. STOUT, Public Auditor.

The Committee on the Memorial from the Second Philadelphia Congregation reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Item No. 1 adopted. Pending consideration of item No. 2 the hour for recess arrived.

W. A. Aikin, I. A. Blackwood and T. C. McKnight were excused from further attendance.

A resolution offered by James A. McAteer was adopted, and is as follows:

I move that John W. Pritchard be authorized to ask for and receive contributions from our Sabbath Schools and individuals to purchase a Ford car for Knox Academy of our Southern Mission, Selma, Alabama, to be used by the head of the Academy for official work.

Recess was taken until 7:00 P. M. F. M. Foster led in prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. . .

Same Place, 7:00 P. M.

Synod reconvened and was led in prayer by W. R. Sterrett.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Order of Business—George S. Coleman, E. G. Russell, R. W. Piper, F. L. McClelland, J. A. Templeton.

Devotional Exercises—W. O. Ferguson, R. C. Montgomery, J. R. W. Stevenson, E. F. Thompson, R. J. Cathcart.

Unfinished Business—The Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

Sabbath Schools—J. B. Gilmore, J. B. Willson, S. G. Conner, T. H. Martin, C. N. Pullinger.

Psalmody—F. E. Allen, P. J. McDonald, W. G. Robb, T. W. Blair, L. R. Davis

Signs of the Times—J. M. Coleman, E. K. Patton, J. M. Foster, J. T. Curry, Wilson Duguid.

A. Alexander, S. B. Houston, J. T. Curry and J. M. Rutherford were excused from further attendance.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College reported. R. C. Wylie and R. H. Martin were heard on behalf of the college. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GENEVA COLLEGE.

The Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College would respectfully report:

Three papers have been referred to us; the reports of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, of the

Board of Trustees of Geneva College and of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

These reports show that the work and results of these institutions are satisfactory to a high degree, notwithstanding the serious effects of the war.

A class of four students has graduated from the Seminary this year. Only three remain; a condition most discouraging were it not for the hope that a number of new students will enter in the fall, notwithstanding the draft.

The attendance at the College is almost as great as last year. This is gratifying when we consider the number of students who are with the colors. Special war courses, five in number, have proved an important feature of College work; the patriotic spirit runs high.

We note with pleasure the reduction of the College debt; also the resolution of the Board of Trustees authorizing the raising of \$40,000 to endow a chair for the teaching of the English Bible.

We recommend:

1. That parents and ministers use their best influence to direct the minds of children toward education of the highest possible order; that God may have a generation prepared for the reconstruction of society when these days of dissolution and demoralization are ended. Good and great sons and daughters will soon be needed more than ever.

2. That these institutions, which God has given the Covenant Church, be sustained mightily by our people in their prayers, that the training and enlargement of the young minds be accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. That the endowment of the chair of the English Bible be commended to the church for liberal donations, that the \$40,000, the amount needed, be speedily secured. We cannot conceive of a more important study in the curriculum than the Bible.

4. That J. S. Tibby be elected his own successor on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College; and Charles McElhinney and W. R. Sterrett be elected their own successors on the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS,
J. G. McELHINNEY,
P. J. McDONALD,
F. L. MCCLELLAND,
D. O. TORRENCE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report: The sessions of the Seminary opened this year on the third Tuesday of September with a lecture by Dr. R. C. Wylie on "Luther's Sixty-second Thesis.

The enrollment of students was as follows:

First year—J. French Carithers.

Second year—Melville K. Carson, Alvin W. Smith.

Third year—Charles T. Carson, John K. Gault, A. Wylie Redpath, Boyd A. White.

The regular meeting of the Board was held on April 29-30. Oral examinations were conducted by the professors in Homiletics and Greek exegesis, and written papers were submitted in the other subjects covered during the year. Sermons were preached by the students. The members of the Board were well pleased with the evidence of thorough work being done in the examinations, and the sermons were all ably prepared and well delivered. A specially interesting part of the closing exercises this year was the presentation to the seminary by Dr. and Mrs. Coleman of a portrait of the late Dr. George. Very eloquent words of appreciation of the life and work of Dr. George were spoken, and representatives of all the congregations within reach

were present for the services. The portrait of Dr. George will now hang beside those of his predecessors in the Seminary—Dr. Thomas Sproul, Dr. J. R. Willson, J. M. Willson and J. R. W. Sloan.

The Board would bring again to the attention of Synod the needs of the library at the Seminary. It will be necessary to add to the library very largely in order to make it completely up to date, and we would ask for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for this purpose.

During the vacation of last year Dr. McKnight visited many of the congregations of the church where there seemed to be a prospect of securing students for the Seminary, and while the conditions of the war have prevented a large attendance the last year, it is hoped the trip will yet be fruitful in adding to the attendance at the seminary and to the ministry of the church. The Board noted with appreciation that Dr. McKnight so arranged this extended trip in connection with other appointments that it was without expense to the church.

The prospect for the coming year is that all of those who are in the first and second years will return, and that while the draft will prevent some from coming who otherwise would do so, there will be some to enter the first year. The Seminary will continue its work as usual.

For the coming year we ask an appropriation of \$3,000.00.

The time for which Charles McElhinney and W. R. Sterrett were elected has expired and their successors should be chosen.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. COLEMAN, President Pro Tem,
M. M. PEARCE, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College met in their annual meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

J. C. McFEETERS, President.
A. KILPATRICK, Vice President.
ROBERT PARK, Secretary.
J. S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

The following were re-elected their own successors on the Board:

A. Kilpatrick, George A. McKee, E. K. Patton and R. C. Wylie.
J. C. French was certified from Central Canada Presbytery.

The following were elected as the members of the Board of Trustees:

R. C. Wylie, J. S. Martin, J. B. Tweed, E. K. Patton, R. Park, J. S. Tibby, J. R. McAnlis, J. H. McBurney, J. M. Steele, R. M. Pearce, R. M. Downie, R. M. Young.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of the College was submitted to this Board, and was ordered transmitted to the Synod and will be read by E. K. Patton, Secretary of that Board.

The time for which J. S. Tibby was elected to serve on the Board has expired and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

J. C. McFEETERS, President.
ROBERT PARK, secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR 1917-1918.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

The work of Geneva College has prospered during the past year. Although there have been strange providences mingled with the many encouragements, yet we can be of good cheer and take courage, for Geneva College is more and more making for herself a name pre-eminent among Christian Colleges

The Work of President Martin.

Amid his many added duties because of the war conditions and unavoidable changes in the faculty, President Martin has with zeal and efficiency devoted himself to maintaining the high standard of our College. Besides the work of administration and class-room teaching, he has found time to serve the community, acting as chairman of the Speakers' Bureau of the War for Beaver County.

Dr. Kennedy's Death.

It is with deepest sorrow that we here record the death of the senior member of the Faculty, Professor George Kennedy, D. D. The Board wishes to place on record the following minute which was adopted concerning his death:

"On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 22, the entire community was shocked by the announcement of the tragic death of one of its eldest and most respected citizens, Professor George Kennedy. In a still more vital sense the college community has been affected by this tragedy. For thirty-six years he occupied the chair of Greek Language and Literature in Geneva College, and brought to it not only a thorough knowledge of the subjects which he taught, but gave to it the charm of a cultured personality and of a genial and kindly disposition. His passion was not simply to teach the subjects in his department, but in every capacity, socially and religiously, to mold the character of all the students of Geneva and lift them to higher planes of thought and activity. There are persons engaged in Christian work in all lands who will feel the sense of personal loss when they hear the sad news of his death. The fact that he refused similar positions in larger institutions which would have afforded him larger remuneration bears eloquent testimony to his devotion to his own denomination and to the College which held a more vital place in his life and affection than did any other.

We, the Trustees of Geneva College, wish to place on record our sincere appreciation of the life and services of Dr. Kennedy and sharing the sorrow of his departure with his bereaved family to extend to them our sincere sympathy in this sore visitation."

The Board would also record the loss because God in His Providence has removed Mrs. Jean Scott Johnston, for many years a teacher in this College and the wife of our Professor A. A. Johnston. Truly God has been speaking to us in ways past finding out.

Faculty Changes.

During the year there have been a number of changes in the faculty. Professor H. H. Wylie, Ph. D., feeling it his duty to enter war work, asked for leave of absence for the length of the war. This was granted, and in his place Mrs. H. H. Wylie was appointed, and has done very creditable work. Of the new teachers Miss Isabelle Stewart, a Covenanter of Cincinnati, has efficiently served as Secretary to the President, Registrar and teacher of the French language. Miss Rosengarten, teacher of German and Spanish, has adapted herself splendidly to the needs of the College and her teaching is highly to be commended. Miss Evangeline Metheny, having taken up overseas Red Cross work. Miss Lelia Campbell was secured in her place, which she has filled ably and with credit to the College. Professor Johnston has entered Y. M. C. A. work in the camps for the present.

Our Patriotic College.

The spirit of the College has been good considering the unrest of a war year. President Martin in his report says: "The overshadowing event of the year has been the great world war. We have felt that the winning of the war and preparation for the period of reconstruction to follow is the first business of the College. The war spirit dominates our College life." That patriotism is not lacking among the ranks of the students and alumni is witnessed by the fact that Geneva now has 102 students and alumni in the war. Of the 101 young men who were in College last year, 28 are now enlisted in the service of the

United States Army and Navy and ten of those entering this year are in the service.

The following special war courses were introduced during the past year:

1. The Study of the World War, by Professor Johnston.
2. Physiology and Hygiene, Balanced Rations, etc., by Professor Marshall
3. Food Conservation, by Professor Colwell Ph. D.
4. Christian Internationalism, by President Martin.
5. Physiography in the War, by Professor Patton.

Also there were frequent chapel addresses by Dr. Colwell and other outside speakers on the periods and phases of the war.

The Religious Atmosphere.

The moral standard of the College has been maintained upon a high level. There has been a decided improvement in the religious atmosphere over last year, and the spirit of co-operation and loyalty of the student body has been so marked as to call out favorable comment from many sources. Dr. F. M. Wilson, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Rev. R. A. Blair and a number of other ministers and Christian speakers have addressed the students during the year with good results evident.

Geneva's Contest Record.

Geneva has had a good year in her competitive contests on Gridiron, Floor and Platform. An excellent record in football; the intercollegiate championship of Western Pennsylvania in Basket Ball; first place in the intercollegiate oratorical contest, represented by Mr. Charles Boots, a senior, which makes the fourth year that Geneva has conquered in Oratory; two intercollegiate debates won unanimously. This is no mean record for Geneva.

The Record of Attendance.

The following is the record of attendance for the past year:

School of Liberal Arts.....	181
College Summer School.....	22
School of Music.....	108
School of Public Speaking.....	19
Normal School	144
Art Department	10
Extension Department	35

519

Deduction for names repeated..... 73

Total 446

This is an excellent record in view of the inroads made by the war upon college attendance everywhere.

Financial Report.

A comparison of this year's with last year's financial report shows an increase of \$1,000 in endowment, making the total May 1, 1918, \$210,353.25. The current account is overdrawn \$18,778.19. Last year it was \$13,567.30. Current receipts last year were \$49,499.24. This year \$44,748.69, a decrease in receipts of \$4,750.55. There has been an increase in the expenditures from \$34,713.03 last year to \$39,979.58 this year, or \$5,246.55.

A new boiler and heavy coal bills this past winter are largely responsible for this increase in expense.

Fifteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$15,969.89) of the Beaver Valley Campaign pledges have been paid this past year. Last year \$22,100.00 was received from this source. Between \$5,000 and \$6,000 of these pledges still remains to be paid.

The total indebtedness of Geneva College last year was \$25,405.75. This year it is \$21,486.36, a reduction of between \$3,000 and \$4,000. If the balance of the Beaver Valley Campaign pledges was paid the total debt would be less than \$16,900. The debt on the Science Hall has been paid in full.

At a recent meeting the Board of Trustees passed a resolution authorizing the raising of not less than \$40,000 to endow a Chair in English Bible in Geneva College. Also the Board has authorized the raising of the College tuition from \$51 to \$75 a year.

In this connection mention should be made of the fact that while Rev. Robert Clarke has been attending Princeton University and hence has been unable to give full time to his work for the College, yet he has turned in more money to the College this year than in any previous year, or a total of \$17,152.00 turned over to Treasurers Potts and Tibby.

The Board's Request.

The Board in behalf of Geneva College asks for the earnest prayers and the united support of the Church and for an appropriation of \$5,000.00. The Board had appointed Dr. R. C. Wylie, President of the Board, and President R. H. Martin, D. D., of the College, as the representatives of Geneva College on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE, President.
E. K. PATTON, Secretary

The Committee on Supplies reported. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Supplies would respectfully report:
From the reports submitted to your committee the following schedule has been arranged for the coming year:
Allen, R. C., Pittsburgh all year.
Allen, T. J., June-July, Ohio; August--October, New York; Pittsburgh rest of the year.
Dill, J. W., Kansas all year.
Carson, Charles, July, Kansas; August, Colorado; September and October, Ohio; November-December-January, Illinois; rest of year Pittsburgh.
Carson, Melville K., June-September, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; May, Pittsburgh.
Dodds, C. A., Pittsburgh all year.
Elsey, D. B., June-September, Ohio; rest of year Central Canada.
Faris, Isaiah, Kansas all year.
Faris, J. M., Ohio all year.
Fulton, W. S., Ohio all year.
Gault, J. K., June-July-August, Illinois; September-October, November, Ohio; December-January-February, Pittsburgh; March-April-May, Central Canada.
Graham, Robert, June-July-August, Pittsburgh; September-October-November, Ohio; December-January-February, Illinois; March-April-May, Kansas.
Houston, S. B., June-August, Pittsburgh; September-December, Kansas; January-February, Illinois; March-May, Central Canada.
Johnston, W. P., Pittsburgh all year.
Jack, D. O., Ohio all year.
McBurney, G. R., Kansas all year.
McBurney, Wilbur J., June-September, Illinois; October-November, Central Canada; December-January-February-March, Ohio; April-May, Pittsburgh.
McFarland, A. J., Pittsburgh all year.
McFarland, William, June-December, Rochester; January-May, Ohio.
McClurkin, W. C., June-September, Pittsburgh; October-January, Ohio; February-May, Illinois.
McElhinney, R. S., June-December, Ohio; January-May, Illinois.
McIsaac, R. J., Pittsburgh all year.
McElwain, T. A., June-October, Illinois; November-May, Pittsburgh.
Patton, Thomas, June-August, Pittsburgh; September-March, Central Canada; April-May, Ohio.

Sharp, B. M., Pittsburgh all year.

Sproul T. C., Pittsburgh all year.

Thompson, A. M., July-August-September, Colorado; rest of year Kansas.

Redpath, Wylie, June-November, Pittsburgh; October-May, Illinois.

Smith, A. W., June-September, Kansas; May, Ohio.

Steele, G. R., July-September, Ohio; October-December Illinois; January-May, Pittsburgh

Johnston, J. M., June-October, Pittsburgh; November-January, Kansas; rest of year in Ohio.

W. J. McKNIGHT,

E. G. RUSSELL,

J. A. KEMPF,

JAMES A. TEMPLETON,

J. W. CAVAN.

The Committee on Bible Reading Folders reported. The item of finance was ordered paid from the Literary Fund. The report was adopted as a whole, and the committee continued. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE READING FOLDERS.

The committee to prepare Bible Reading Folders for 1919 would respectfully report:

The plan of last year was generally followed in the preparation of the folders for 1918, with the printing changed to suggest the choice of a helpful verse from each reading, and with additional matter on the inside cover pages. Some tracts were secured by the chairman of the committee at his own expense to enclose with each package of folders. As in previous years, a letter was sent to each pastor or congregation and in some cases a second letter, urging the use of the folder. As a result 2,958 folders were sold, which, after 109 were lost in the mail, left only 183 in our stock. This is 3 per cent higher than the highest previous record of sales. The price was raised to two and a half cents in quantities less than 75, yielding a total sales income of \$65.94, or \$4.64 more than the cost of printing and mailing.

At an additional expense of \$11.04 five hundred diplomas were printed, to be given for perfect records in reading; of these 67 were signed by the officers of Synod and awarded to readers for 1917—over two per cent of the number reading. A gift of \$5.13 enabled the committee to pay printing and postage of \$13.27 and come out with deficit of but \$3.45.

We repeat the recommendations of last year.

1. That the plan for awarding diplomas be continued.
2. That pastors seek by special lectures and public prayer to make the use of the folders more profitable to their congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL COLEMAN, Chairman.

W. A. AIKIN,

N. PATTON.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit the following report:

Two matters have been referred to us, the preparation of an answer to the letter of greeting from our church in Ireland, and

the framing of a resolution on "Home Rule in Ireland." The letter and resolution are submitted herewith:

(Signed) PAUL COLEMAN,
J. M. RUTHERFORD,
ROBERT CLARKE,

Letter to the Irish Synod.

Beaver Falls, Pa., June 12, 1918.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland:

Dear Brethren:—In this crisis in the history and testimony of the Covenanter Church, we are glad for the hand of love and friendship reached to us from across the sea; and we pray for you the choicest blessings of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

As with you, so with us, the war is bringing pressing problems both in regard to our testimony and our church's work. We praise God for the protection which in these perilous times He has given, and is giving, to our missionaries in the Levant, and for the increasing harvest in China for many years of work.

The oaths of loyalty required of so many of our people are making it necessary for us clearly to define our testimony; and the unexampled readiness of men to hear the message of Christ the king is calling us to a most extended proclamation of our message, as measuring in its degree of acceptance the end of the war. We believe that God is pleading through His providence with the nations to open their hearts to Him, and by that same providence summoning the Covenanter Church as a chosen prophet to give His gospel to the nations with the earnestness and enthusiasm which the loss of millions of men and billions of wealth, the fact of broken hearts and homes, and the danger of military ideals, necessitate.

We enclose with this letter a copy of a resolution passed by this Synod in regard to the question of Home Rule in Ireland, for which there is so much mistaken enthusiasm in this country. We send it as an earnest of our interest in all the problems that confront you, and an assurance of our desire for conditions favorable to your prosperity.

You will be startled as we were by the news of the sad death of Dr. Kennedy of Geneva College.

Rejoicing in the evidences of God's merciful favor to our church during the past year and in the present Synod, we pray that God may grant us that repentance of our sins which shall make His church a true and faithful witness of His redeeming love. May His Kingdom come.

Yours in the Fellowship of His Service.

GEORGE A. EDGAR, Moderator.
D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk

Resolution on "Home Rule in Ireland."

Resolved, That this Synod declares its approval of the protest of our brethren in Ireland against the proposal before the British Parliament to establish what is called "Home Rule for Ireland," but which is known to Protestants and Romanists alike as the absolute dominance of Roman Catholicism. These Romanists are under the complete control of the priests, and what that control has meant to their own people is a sure indication and warning of what it might mean to a helpless Protestant minority. The plea for separation from the British Empire because of the oppression of the latter is without foundation in fact, and is made for the purpose of securing the sympathy of those who are unfamiliar with the present conditions. The offer of Ulster to allow the Catholic section of Ireland to rule itself, but nobody else, certainly yields all that might be claimed under the plea of justice.

The Committee on the death of George Kennedy reported. The memorial was adopted and is as follows:

Rev. Professor George Kennedy, D. D.

The church has suffered a severe loss in the death of this brother. Having spent most of his life in one room of Geneva College, he was not personally known to many throughout the church. They who did know him will realize what it means.

George Kennedy came to New York when his father, Dr. James Kennedy in 1870, came from Ireland to accept the pastorate of the Fourth New York congregation. He entered Columbia, and graduated from it in 1874. He took both prizes and medals during the course. From that school he went to Allegheny Seminary, completing the course in 1877, and in the following year accepted the pastorate of the United Miami Congregation at Northwood, Ohio. After five years of service here he resigned in order to accept the chair of Greek Language and Literature in Geneva College.

What the people of this church thought of this young minister can be known or evidenced from the fact of the unusually fine watch given him by the young people of the church.

"Death," says Bacon, "openeth the gate to good fame."

Candlish said of Chalmers at his death, that you "could not realize the length of a tree till it lay on the ground."

May be that death is needed to cause us to know what people are, the friends whom we touch each day, think little about them, all at once we know.

You will forgive the writer of this sketch if he takes note of this friend whom he knew so well, for so long, the pastor of his father and mother in Ohio, his associate in teaching for twenty-seven years, and what he was in all these spheres.

Added to all the fine features of his character, was scholarship, love of a noble calling, fitness for it, affability, companionship, making himself a necessity.

We think of him as the teacher (though one of the finest of our preachers when occasionally he would preach), going about his work always the reverent and avowedly Christian gentleman, the great teacher; yes, the great teacher, and always and ever more the humble disciple of the Lord Jesus.

He was scholarly always, and always happy in his work. It is beautiful to think that God allowed him in the vigor of all his powers, to keep on his feet till his very last hour. Dr. Kennedy dealt in the highest of all the things out of which enjoyment comes to eye or mind.

He was greatly fond of the classics and he made others so because he gave them Plato's thoughts, and the Lord Christ's mind, as he found it on the pages of the loved disciple. The original Greek was as sweet to him as honey to a child.

No wonder that the chair was of no use to him in class, as souls of students became eager as his own was so.

Of all the men whom the writer has known at all, he was fondest of flowers. He was on his way to a florist when he met his death. The casket in which his body lay was covered out of sight with them. Perhaps he knew it. I hope he did.

He was prepared of our Lord for what came to him in Providence.

He could not lift his body out of its danger. He could lift his spirit. ..

The Good Book tells us: "Fear not them or that which can kill the body, for there is nothing more that it can do." He was

safe. He was independent of harm. His body was only that, that belonged to him. His body was no more himself than the buttons on his clothes. No accident in this world or any world could harm him. He was not harmed.

God has different ways of doing things. Some men die that other men may live. The church bells could not be ringing on the Sabbath days in the little island off the coast of New Guinea if James Chalmers had not died on that island, on the Sabbath day, at the hands of the cannibals.

He was not called from work till he had completed it, and death does not put an end to a man's activity.

Moses and Elias were with our Lord in the days of his flesh on earth. They were as active then as they had ever been in any of the centuries. Life in the soul does not cease because the body has reached its grave.

To go on call, on voice of God to world of spirits, in prime of manhood, without a moment of pain of body or distress of mind, is a boon allowed to the very few of the dear children of God.

This dear friend passed at once into fellowship of the angels and of Enoch and of Elijah and of John and of Jesus, and has had the explanation of all the mysteries in the presence of his Father.

He knows the meaning of the Beatitudes.

Two sons and three daughters remain to share with their mother the sorrow of this loss. They have memories, they have also the promises. The grandmother, sister to Henry O'Neil, still abides in the family. May the dear Lord continue to this home, this saintly soul with the blessed experiences, to make less dark the days.

W. P. JOHNSTON,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT,
Committee.

A resolution proposed by Paul Coleman was adopted and is as follows:

Resolved, That this Synod in accordance with the teaching of our Testimony in regard to the omission of the name of God from the oath, desires members to affirm, rather than swear, what is called the military oath for privates. Also,

Resolved, That pastors be instructed to inform their members of this action.

The committee to reply to the letter of greeting from the Covenanter members of the Red Cross unit en route to Palestine reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Beaver Falls, Pa., June 12, 1918.

To the Covenanter Members of the American Red Cross Commission to Palestine:

Beloved in the Lord:—It is with great interest that we have received your greetings which assure us of your safety and of your deep interest in this meeting of Synod. We record our gratitude of God for the kind providence that has carried you safely through the dangers of travel on the sea, and permitted you to enter upon your labors. Your prayers for the Synod have found a

response in the earnest prayers of the Synod for you, and for all who are in the service. One of the devotional periods of Synod was spent in earnest prayer for our representatives in camp at home and service abroad. You are in our hearts continually.

Our desire for you is that you may dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under the shadow of the Almighty in all the promised security of the Ninety-first Psalm.

May you be strengthened for your labors, protected in all your service, and enabled to lead weary and troubled souls to the rest and peace in Christ Jesus. Our prayers follow you. Read the Twentieth Psalm as our message to you in the Lord.

Signed in behalf of Synod,

G. A. EDGAR, Moderator.
D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.

The report of the Committee on the Memorial of Second Philadelphia Congregation was taken from the table. Item 2 was adopted. The report was amended by the addition of Item 3. It was then adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MEMORIAL FROM THE SECOND CONGREGATION, PHILADELPHIA.

Concerning the petitions contained in the Memorial from the Second Congregation, Philadelphia, namely, "That Synod adopt vigorous means to arouse the Church of the Covenanters in this crucial hour of the world's history to concentrate her efforts upon her testimony for the Kingship of Jesus Christ"; and "That Synod invite all Evangelical Churches to enter into a Solemn League and Covenant, avowing the Kingship of Jesus Christ, and agreeing to advocate this fundamental truth until it becomes incorporated in the government of our own country and of all nations," your committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That our ministers be urged to preach on the Kingship of Christ at least four times during the coming year; that our Sessions and Sabbath School Superintendents be requested to assign a lesson on this subject for the Review Sabbath of every Quarter; and that our Young People be asked to give a prominent place to the consideration of this topic in their meetings and conventions.

2. That the Moderator and Clerk of Synod be authorized to certify the following men: T. M. Slater, F. D. Fraser, P. J. McDonald, S. E. Greer, J. M. Wylie, S. J. Johnston, J. C. French, T. C. McKnight, John Coleman, F. F. Reade, T. H. Acheson, F. M. Wilson, F. M. Foster, W. J. McKnight, Thomas McFall and such others as may be convenient—each for his own section of the country—to present Synod's Memorial to such Ecclesiastical Courts as may meet within their respective bounds. Arrangements to be made and expenses to be paid by the War Committee (Witness Bearing Committee).

SYNOD'S MEMORIAL.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America To the Various Assemblies of all Evangelical Churches, Greeting:

Believing that the great catastrophe of the present world war is the judgment of God upon the nations of the earth for their sins, chief among which, and fundamental to all, is the rejection of Jesus Christ as the King and Lawgiver of Nations; and believing that the only hope of hastening the desired victory; fitting the

United States of America for its mission among nations; and laying the foundation of world-wide peace, to be the sincere confession of our national sins and the turning unto God with a definite acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as the source of national life and civil power, and with full purpose of obedience to the divine will; we respectfully request the privilege of presenting for the consideration of your honorable body the following Covenant as a desirable method of preparing the members of the church for leadership in the great work of bringing our nation to a declaration of allegiance to the King of Kings.

A Suggested Covenant.

We, ... in the presence of Almighty God, do hereby enter into a solemn Covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to honor Him as our Saviour and our King. Trusting in His blood for pardon and in His grace for strength, we promise to depart from all iniquity and to obey Him in every relationship of life. We pledge ourselves to do all that lies within our power to create that public moral sentiment which will result in the national acknowledgment of Christ and His Law as the basis of our civil law and international relationship.

Such a covenant as this, we believe, would unite the Christians of this land on the most momentous issue of the present hour and would result in changing the Constitution of United States of America so as to bring our nation into union with God, into league with His Son and into subservience to His Law.

We earnestly seek the co-operation of all Christian bodies in leading our nation to Christ the King.

"Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

(To be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod.)

3. That in the presentation of this Covenant to Ecclesiastical bodies across the line, it be altered to suit conditions in Canada.

S. A. S. METHENY,
JAMES S. McGAW,
W. J. COLEMAN,
D. H. ELLIOTT,
J. H. FINLEY,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to be sent by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod to the President of the United States of America, would respectfully report that it has drawn up the following letter:

To Honorable Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America:

Dear Mr. President:—The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church sends greetings. Strength and wisdom unto you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

This church, deeply interested in the welfare of the country and the progress of the war, wishes to express gratitude to God and to you for the manner in which the power of the nation is employed in defense of the world's freedom.

We believe there never was a more righteous cause; the fight is for the rights and liberties won in all former battles.

The final issue of the war, in our judgment, is certain; victory, vindication and peace; but its protraction, with the cost of "blood, treasure and tears, appalls us. We are not afraid of the enemy; but regarding the long exhausting process as evidence of God's displeasure, we tremble. Serious inquiry is surely now in order.

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ as the King of Nations has a place in national government, which has not been accorded Him; has a part in the war, which has not been duly recognized; has supreme power to co-ordinate the nations and restore peace; and that His power should be acknowledged and honored by the nations.

The Bible says: "Be wise, O ye kings; kiss the Son, lest He be angry." "All kings shall bow down before Him; all nations shall serve." "He is King of kings, and Lord of lords."

We believe the greatest need of the times is the recognition of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Moral Governor of the nations. The heart of mankind, almost in despair, cries out for a deliverer. None but Jesus can deliver, for the Father has given the nations into His hand.

We beseech you, therefore, to use your office to the utmost, to give the NAME of Jesus Christ prestige in your administrative work, and to recommend to the Congress the recognition of His authority in the laws of the country, endeavoring to harmonize the government with His will.

We know you have no precedent in modern history for your herculean task. But these are times when we look not backward for examples, but upward for vision, and onward for action. A mighty flood has carried us beyond all landmarks.

The Lord, who has elevated you to the highest office of the land, and to the most influential position in the world, give you power and wisdom to reach the greatest possibilities of your office

for the redemption of the world, that looks for a man, and listens for a voice, to lead her out of the present horror, into the marvelous light of the God of peace.

Very respectfully,

G. A. EDGAR, Moderator.

D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS,
F. M. WILSON,
M. M. PEARCE,
J. S. ANDERSON,
S. A. S. METHENY,
Committee.

The permanent Committee on Temperance reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your permanent Committee on Temperance would respectfully report:

During the past year our efforts have continued along the line of the activities of years past. We have put the truths on the posters we send out in many school rooms and we are assured no more effective means has been found for bringing temperance truths to the attention of the public.

That this means is recognized by educators as a satisfactory way and that the truth we send is in an easily understood form is attested by the many letters that come to the committee, both from places where we seek to introduce the posters for the first time and from places where they have been used in years past.

We have been solicited to enter combinations of temperance workers and union of the forces against intemperance under various names and banners, and so far these have not seemed sufficient to attract us from our regular work, for the reason that in some cases they openly advocate measures that we do not care to endorse and in any case they are not likely to help us any in the particular field where our work seems to lie, and we see no other work in the field that looks as effective to us as the line we are following, and we have no money to spend in attending conventions or in paying dues in any organization that will not minister to the line of work that seems peculiarly our own.

Our field may be restricted, but it is ample to use up all our energies and all the money we can possibly put into it.

We hope that all the membership of the church will look carefully to see that outside organizations are doing more effective work than your committee before they direct contributions in other channels, while the Temperance Treasury of our own church is more than empty.

We urge that your own church treasury be supplied before contributions are given to organizations that do not work under Synod's direction or supervision. Miss Mary McFarland, who has worked so effectively in mailing out the packages of posters during past years, was not able for the work this year, and this work was done by Miss Mary Cabeen of Blanchard Congregation. We went into ten states and filled the schools so far as we could obtain entry by the County Superintendents. We usually sent seven posters to each school. That number being mailable for two cents postage, and that number being enough to decorate the walls of the ordinary country school. In some cases teachers wrote asking for more of the numbers.

The only limit in the amount of this work that can be done is the state of the treasury, when it runs too far on the wrong side of the balance sheet, we have to stop; but we rejoice in believing that the part of our church is no small one in creating the all but universal sentiment that is now setting in in favor of prohibition.

We have worked for years in practically all the states of the West and South and these are standing solid for prohibition, and some people wonder from whence it has arisen; we know of no more widespread influence than that of the public schools where we have been posting up the truths of temperance.

There have been an increasing number of local victories in townships, counties, large towns and a few cities. The value of these victories lies in the fact that they are an indication of the movement of public sentiment toward prohibition.

In states we have during the year legislative action in three states—Indiana, New Hampshire and Utah—which put them in the dry column, and New Mexico came out on the right side by a vote of her people.

Iowa, on the other hand, failed by a small majority to make prohibition constitutional. The best that can be said of Ohio is that she greatly reduced her wet majority.

Texas, by action of the military and by the act of her own legislature, is practically dry, and the protection of the soldiers has had a great influence in the creation of a sentiment for temperance.

The decision of the Supreme Court upholding the Webb-Kenyon bill and the bone-dry state laws, made enforcement of laws much simpler.

Congress did an unusual amount of prohibition business in voting the District of Columbia dry, shutting liquor out of prohibition states, shutting advertisements of liquor from the mails in states where it was forbidden, making prohibition effective in Alaska and Porto Rico.

Forbidden the sale or gift of liquor to soldiers or sailors, prohibited the importation or manufacture of distilled liquor during the war, gave the President power to stop brewing (under certain conditions).

The matter that perhaps aroused the most enthusiasm was when Congress voted to submit to the states an amendment to the Constitution for National Prohibition. This amendment has been ratified by thirteen of the states, and will require the favorable action of twenty-three more before it becomes a part of the Constitution. It seems as if this were a time when the forces in favor of temperance should be especially active, and we urge on all members of the church the utmost activity in temperance work.

We deplore the fact that the use of tobacco has been greatly popularized by the campaign to supply the soldiers and sailors.

We recommend to the people under our care to give their hearty and undivided financial support to our permanent committee on temperance.

We urge all to bear in mind the hurtful effects of the use of tobacco.

We ask for this work during the coming year \$3,000.00.

The time for which J. G. McElhinney and T. C. Weir were appointed has expired.

W. W. CARITHERS, Chairman.

R. C. Wylie, W. J. Coleman and G. A. Edgar were appointed a special committee to draft an order of business and submit it to next Synod for adoption as a permanent order of procedure.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Synod express gratitude to those who have entertained the court, its members and friends; and to all who have labored so diligently to serve the interests of Synod and facilitate its work.

The Committee on Place and Time of Meeting reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.

Your committee would respectfully report:

Two invitations have been received—one from the Belle Center Congregation, with the co-operation of the Bellefontaine and United Miami congregations; the other, the standing invitation from the Chicago congregation.

We recommend that the first of these be accepted, and that the Synod of 1919 meet in the church at Belle Center, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 4, at 10:30 A. M.

J. BURT WILLSON, Chairman.
H. G. McCONAUGHY,
F. F. READE,
R. J. CATHCART.

Eight P. M. Wednesday, June 4, was fixed as the time for hearing the Moderator's sermon.

Tuesday, June 3, at 10:30 A. M. was fixed as the time for the meeting of the Mission Conference.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned. William McFarland offered the closing prayer. The 133d Psalm was sung. The Moderator pronounced the benediction and declared the Synod adjourned to meet in Belle Center, Ohio, June 4, 1919, at 10:30 A. M.

G. A. EDGAR, Moderator.
D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk
F. M. WILSON, Assistant Clerk.

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Central Canada.

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Men on profession	By dismission	By death	By other	Young People's Soc. Membership	Sabbath School Enrollment	Baptisms	CONTRIBUTIONS																										Total
												Communicants	By dismission	By death	By other	Young People's Soc. Membership	Sabbath School Enrollment	Baptisms	Synan Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	General College	Church Extension	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Widows' Bearing	Temperance Fund	Minister's, Widows' and Orphan's Fund	Students Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Foreign	Miscellaneous	Literary Fund	
Concord	W. E. Taylor	Cor. Nevis, Alberta	3	2	1	1			20	0	22	12	151	113	7	4	3	3	2	1	1	3	3	5	4	3	1	\$300	No	20	322	1020						
Lake Bon.	J. K. Elsey	Cor. Greenwood, Minn.	2	2				19	54		30		151	40	20	10	10					30					Yes	455	756									
Regina	J. C. French	5251 12th ave. Regina, Can.	4	2	1	2	1	68	2	60	30	29	35														1600		25	641	2305							
	D. B. Elsay	821 Winnipeg ave., Winnipeg, Man.																																				
Winnipeg	S. R. McKelvey	Cor. 4th Avenue at Winnipeg, Man.	3	3	1				31	3	105	8	7	4	3	2	1	2			3		4		7	2	600	Yes	12	657	1306							
	H. G. McConaughy	Nevis, Alberta, Can.																																				
No congregations	110	ministers	4																								2,256	0	57	2109	5321							

Colorado.

Greeley	W. S. Wylie, Cor.	1541 11th av.	Greeley, Col.	6	9	248	2	7	128	2	127	42	121	264	35	5	5	15				6	1	9			1021	No	26	2641	4797		
Deaver	S. E. Greer	795 So. Grant at	Denver	2	3	14	2	2	760		106	24	37	140	20							21	10	4	50	11	6		801	No	22	1721	2918
La Junta	J. R. Gilmore	814 Carson ave.	La Junta	3	2	1	2	1	657		85	9	77	342	10	20						50		15		6		1046	No	20	587	2152	
	Samuel Edgar	1212 13th st.	Greeley, Colo.																														
	W. J. McBarney	Orlando, Fla.																															
	H. B. McMillan	Greeley, Colo.																															
	L. Robb	Tak Hing, China																															
	J. K. Robb	Tak Hing, China																															
	T. J. Wilson	Boulder, Colo.																															
No congregations	310	ministers	3																								3020		78	5583	9867		

32 by certificate when Evans and Greeley congregations were united
Elected names transferred to "Reserve Roll."
a Discrepancy of five in last year's report.

22 by certificate when Evans and Greeley congregations were united
 1 Eleven names transferred to "Reserve Roll."
 2 Discrepancy of five in last year's report.

Illinois.

Rehob	H. G. Foster	1411 N. Vine, Sparta, Ill.	4	5	2	2	5	69		89	30																				530	Yes	40	1023	1858
Bloomington	L. M. Coleman	122 E. 8th, Bloomington, Ind.	5	6	2	1	1	110	4	135	47	55	175	143	35	69	38	21	31	27	38	18	255	26	24		1200	No	70	998	12,313				
Church Hill	J. R. Woodale	Cor. Courtville, Ill.	1	3	1	1	9	30		30	10											3	1	2			125	No	8	46	196				
Oakdale	W. O. Ferguson	104 Carolee ave., Oakdale, Ill.	7	2	1	1	132	2	111	28	222	175	40	66	32	28	31	19	18	11	87	24	5	15			900	No	40	1121	3809				
Old Rehob	M. P. Thompson	Houston, Ill.	4	4	3	1	31	82	1	140	29	246	350	183	110	40	30	16	34	27	17	51	250	28	13		900	Yes	60	500	3195				
Princeton	M. S. McMillan	1728 E. State, Princeton, Ind.	3	4	1	1	2	36	2	68	20	170	204	112	54	52	23	16	34	14	79	149	78	10	35		1000	Yes	29	1506	3,713				
Selma	L. Robb	Tak Hing, China	4	5	2	2	1	85	2	20	17											1					261	No	25	590					
St. Louis	W. J. Smith, Cor.	110 Walnut st., St. Louis	2	1		2	1	22		17		15	15	20	5	5	5	4	4	2		4	4				445			667	1227				
	G. A. Edgar	Knox Academy, Selma, Ala.																																	
	G. R. Steele	Bloomington, Ind.																																	
	W. M. Robb	Tak Hing Chan, Sa. China																																	
	S. F. Kinkston	822 Union st., Selma, Ala.																																	
No congregations	810	ministers	8																								5764	3	272	7050	15,161	91			
		Totals	30	32	9	511	28	606	11	730	164	721	962	509	273	201	156	68	122	90	148	313	624	71	91		5764								

Iowa.

Chicago, Ill.	T. C. McKnight	16539 S. Lawrence ave.	3	1	1	1	1	26		104	12	6	6		5	1					150						21		2	900	No	19	783	1474
Hopkinton, Iowa	G. S. Coleman	Hopkinton, Iowa	5	3	1	1	4	40	2	60	21	78	91	35	20	15	23	5	12	32	3	5	26	3	10		1000	Yes	14	363	1,404			
Morning Sun	H. G. Patterson	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	6	4	1	4	163	2	120	30	640	876	697	609	208	270	120	48	19	19	27	84	13			1260	Yes	60	1491	4232			
Rehoboth	Wm. C. Allen	Wyman, Iowa	1	2	1	1	37		35		70	172		71	32	9	9	5				4	25	1	8		825	Yes	38	32	1638			
Sharon	E. L. McKnight	Morning Sun, Iowa	6	6	6	5	1	190	9	173	40	422	424	366	133	183	145	15	48	47	51	380	121	56	90		1200	Yes	45	1463	5143			
Vernon	S. R. Wallace	Waukena, Wis.	2	3	2	2	1	38	2	32	11	30	8	5	5	5	5	5	12	12	8	40	10				700	Yes	2	8	225	1226		
Washington	W. G. Robb	Washington, Iowa	4	4	1	1	12	41		34		71	132	11	24	22	6	11	5	5	73	9	5	14			900	No	18	466	4,177			
	J. S. McGaw	623 Florence ave., Avon, Pa.																																
No congregations	710	ministers	7																								6877		198	5177	62,694			

*2517 for paragonage
 †including paragonage





CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. on profession	By certificate	By disaffiliation	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Young People's Soc. Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS																					
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Beulah	J. S. T. Mitchell	Hostwick, Neb.	3	5	2	0	3	1	54	2	70	1	\$114	\$130	60	26	21	19	18	12	25	7	53	16	14	15	10	1040	Yes	10	584	3	2252
Billings	J. M. Rutherford	Billings, Okla.	5	2	1	2	1	1	50	5	55	24	34	37	14	12	12	9	10	11	10	12	15	5	10	500	No	9	80	3	769		
Catch Creek	W. W. Carothers	B. S. Apache, Okla.	5	5	2	5	1	1	109	2	210	18	186	100	25	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	15	25	10	No	8	88	3	1410			
Clairinda	S. J. Johnston	Clairinda, Iowa	5	4	6	1	5	135	6	166	35	523	559	350	105	116	86	3	85	3540	32	98	160	45	47	1203	Yes	40	820	31	7990		
Denison	Elmer G. Russell	Denison, Kan.	6	6	4	4	3	129	120	33	106	198	58	56	28	33	11	66	90	12	35	113	20	17	1050	No	60	45	6	2304			
Esckridge	W. A. Alkin	Esckridge, Kan.	6	4	3	3	3	102	1	25	97	109	27	52	40	22	5	7	9	6	19	11	7	15	10	500	No	815	20	2651			
Hebron	J. E. W. Stevens	Hebron, Kan.	4	5	1	2	83	4	106	27	85	97	12	12	18	8	9	12	321	14	19	60	8	7	4	850	No	629	20	2275			
Kansas City	J. M. Wylie	2510 W. 14th st. Rosedale	4	12	2	2	1	86	80	20	72	59	100	20	13	1	1	14	289	3	8	10	4	4	1400	No	610	20	2605				
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	Blanchard, Iowa.	1	5	1	3	1	86	4	72	24	217	249	125	34	33	25	12	32	17	14	8	90	14	24	1	909	Yes	29	431	5	2254	
Quilley	J. D. Edgar	Quilley, Kan.	6	8	3	6	9	112	4	115	24	195	223	186	131	26	76	11	32	32	8	156	36	21	25	773	No	47	1656	5	10		
Quilley	G. M. Robb	Quilley, Kan.	6	6	1	1	16	109	7	126	30	110	278	71	45	45	24	12	17	8	6	31	6	17	2	800	No	11	896	24	2483		
Stafford	J. A. Fill, Cor.	Stafford, Kan.	2	4	1	1	1	34	3	47	23	5	71	98	1	202	3	4	2	1	1	6	2	2	1	145	No	31	631	1891			
Sterling	J. G. McElhinney	Sterling, Kan.	5	5	5	17	3	4	185	4	204	68	383	1224	197	134	133	79	28	60	30	71	9	122	21	59	1243	No	85	3368	1467		
Superior	F. E. Allen	Superior, Neb.	4	4	2	2	2	77	63	30	119	188	107	78	24	12	78	24	12	78	24	12	78	24	12	1700	No	29	212	2176			
Tabor	J. K. Tipton, Cor.	Miltonvale, Kan.	2	2	1	1	1	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	340	No	6	78	418			
Topeka	D. R. Taggart	822 Clay st. Topeka, Kan.	6	6	3	1	4	78	1	99	22	37	117	423	15	15	10	9	25	21	6	1	30	26	23	885	Yes	6	472	2115			
Winchester	D. H. Elliott	Winchester, Kan.	10	5	4	1	4	8	210	3	205	16	842	1260	198	85	55	90	26	102	56	19	333	110	19	54	1440	Yes	137	1441	7	6219	
Irving Place, Miss.	S. M. McCloy, Cor.	Lach, Texas																															
Mincola Mission	Topoka, Kan.	Mincola, Kan.																															
Robstown Mission	J. J. Thompson, Cor.	Robstown, Texas																															
	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kan.																															
	Isaiah Paris	1105 Buchanan, Topeka.																															
	Geo. McBurney	Sterling, Kan.																															
	A. J. McFarland	Merrine, Ariz. Minor																															
	J. H. Hinton	Lach, Texas																															
	A. M. Thompson	Esckridge, Kan.																															
No. congregations	18	No. ministers	21																														
		Totals	58	81	47	32	35	17	1681	49	1870	422	186	499	2136	812	869	327	199	506	4760	223	924	823	236	359	17	1560	5	567	14359	57	50271

New York.																																		
Barret	D. C. Paris	Box 25, R. R. 4, Groton, Vt	5	2	1	1	2	1	58	3	82	1	16	56	11	7	7	1	3	2	1	5	4	1	2	1	787			387		1234		
First Boston	W. J. McKnight	126 Willow ave., W. Somerville, Mass	3	2	1	2	1	67	7	45	1	5	5	5	3	4	4	6	10	8	9	20	1	25	2	1500	10	480			2075			
Second Boston	F. M. Foster	1152 Woodcrest ave., Boston, Mass	3	4	1	2	1	66	3	50	25	80	50	15	20	10	5	10	10	25	3	150	75	15	5	1	1500	20	950			2930		
Cambridge	W.C. Stewart, Cor.	21 Cherryard rd, Somerville, Mass	2	4	1	1	9	54	4	80	40	58	64	8	2	3	3	11	7	46	10	1	10					1631			1864			
Coleham	J. J. Dodds	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.	3	2	2	2	50	41	41		5																				740			
Montclair	J. B. Willson	Montclair, N. J.	2	2	2	2	2	19	39			54	65	33	11	14	8	4	11	4	8	20	18	3	13		650			1631		1972		
First Newburgh	J. W. F. Carlisle	Newburgh, N. Y.	4	2	1	2	5	115	1	190	50	120	230	955	150	54					812	1	14	55							1590		3725	
Second New York	A. Samson	1152 Woodcrest ave., Boston, Mass	3	8	5	6	2	3	126	5	200	17	900	1200	20	150	75	46	13	12	7	20	40					2760			6388		91307	
Third New York	F. M. Foster	265 W. 29th st., New York, N. Y.	3	8	5	6	2	3	126	5	200	17	900	1200	20	150	75	46	13	12	7	20	40					2500			2505		5164	
Walton	David A. White	Walton, N. Y.	5	5	2	2	2	80	5	125	20	126	135	64	44	37	35	15	23	13	19	34	29					10			2207		2315	
Watkins	R. C. Montgomerie	41 Putnam ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	4	3	3	3	1	1	64	7	66	21	116	79	45	66	25	12														1200		1750
Watkins	R. C. Montgomerie	41 Putnam ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	4	3	3	3	1	1	64	7	66	21	116	79	45	66	25	12														1200		1750
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	West Hebron, N. Y.	2	2	2	3	1	27	28		18	10	21	19	8																	473		525
White Lake	H. D. Ditchard	White Lake, N. Y.	3	4	1	1	1	50	20	50		22	10	10	5	2																550		625
Second Newburgh	A. M. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y.																																
	A. A. Johnston	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.																																
	Hollis Kempf	Tok Hing Chan, S. China																																
	Walter McCarty	Laurica, Cyprus																																
	Thos. Patton	Morning Sun, Iowa																																
	T. A. Rusk	Shelbourne ave., London, Eng., Pa.																																
	R. M. Sommers	125 W. 56th st., N. Y.																																

New York.

Barnet	D. C. Paris	166 S. R. R. 4. Groton, Vt.	5	2	1	2	1	58	3	82	16	56	11	7	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	5	4	11	2	1	797		387	1334		
First Boston	W. C. Knight	266 Willow ave., W. Somerville, Mass.	2	2	1	2	1	67	7	45	5	5	3	4	4	6	6	9	20	1	25	2	1500	10	480	2075		20	850	2930		
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	14 So. Russell st. Boston.	3	4	1	2	1	66	3	50	25	80	50	15	20	10	10	25	3	150	75	15	5	1	1500		20	850	2930			
Cambridge	W. C. Stewart, Cor.	21 Chetwynd rd. Somerville, Mass.	2	4	1	2	1	91	4	80	40	58	64	8	2	3	3	7	26	10	1	10	5	693	1	12	1481	1661	740			
Coldenham	T. J. Dodds	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.	3	2	2	2	2	50	4	80	40	58	64	8	2	3	3	7	26	10	1	10	5	693	1	12	1481	1661	740			
Montclair	T. H. Willson	18 N. Fullerton ave. Montclair, N. J.	2	2	2	2	2	19	49	54	65	33	11	14	8	4	11	4	3	20	18	3	10	3	10	680	1	680	1361	1972		
First Newburgh	J. W. F. Carlisle	Newburgh, N. Y.	4	7	1	3	2	115	1	190	50	210	230	150	54	1	1	812	14	65	1500	1	680	1361	1972		1500	1	680	1361	1972	
Second New York	A. A. Samson	1182 Woodcrest ave.	8	7	5	4	5	111	231	2	290	47	890	1220	955	122	78	45	76	28	55	152	77	28	40	2500	2208	5154				
Third New York	F. M. Foster	265 W. 29th st. New York, N. Y.	5	6	2	3	2	126	2	300	150	75	46	13	13	12	7	20	10	15	18	12	2	2	2	2500	2208	5154				
Walden	F. M. Foster	265 W. 29th st. New York, N. Y.	5	6	2	3	2	126	2	300	150	75	46	13	13	12	7	20	10	15	18	12	2	2	2	2500	2208	5154				
Brooklyn	R. P. Montzomer	251 Putnam ave. Brooklyn	3	2	2	2	2	4	39	20	12	32	39	16	8	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	8	2	6	1500	17	250	2130			
Bohns	T. E. Graham	Pavonia Center, N. Y.	4	2	2	1	1	84	7	66	21	116	75	45	64	35	12	8	12	24	12	2	2	2	2	267	40	131	1314			
West Hoboken	S. G. Shaw	West Hoboken, N. Y.	2	4	2	2	2	29	28	18	10	21	19	8	6	6	6	6	12	24	12	2	2	2	2	550	3	47	526			
White Lake	H. H. Deitchard	White Lake, N. Y.	3	4	4	1	1	37	2	90	20	22	10	10	5	3	7	5	8	5	9	11	550	3	47	526						
Second Newburgh	J. A. McGee, Cor.	Newburgh, N. Y.																														
	J. A. Johnston,	College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.																														
	Julius Kempf	Tak Hing Chan, S. China																														
	Walter McCarrall	Larnaca, Cyprus																														
	Thos. Dalton	Manning Sun, Iowa																														
	T. A. Russ	Shoshone ave., London, Pa.																														
	R. M. Sommers	325 W. 56th st., N. Y.																														
No. congregations	15	No. ministers	19																													
		Totals	53	46	19	15	24	14	1647	40	1666	225	1885	2063	1241	478	325	177	102	163	1666	112	401	362	140	147	714081	2	133	16905	12	39290

No report. e Syrian Relief. 5. e For April. r Many others.

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Int. membership	Communion	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Young People's Soc. Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS																							
										Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Minister's Widow and Orphans Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Miscellaneous	Literary Fund	Total				
St. John	Mrs. Mullin, Cor.	154 Waterloo st., St. John, N. B.	1			20			\$	\$	\$ 22	10																				\$ 30	\$ 42
Barneville	W. J. Curry, Cor.	Barneville, Kings, N.R.	2			19					5	10	6																			50	72
Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	4		3	43	2	20	55	55	51	6	7	2									10			6		480	No		45	721	
No. congregations..3	No. ministers..1	Totals	7	7	4	3	1	82	2	40	55	60	83	16	7	7					4		20		6		480				95	833	

Ohio.

Belle Center	R. W. Piper	Belle Cent., Ohio	3						229		23	13	73	60	26																			\$ 5	11	\$ 8		\$ 870	Yes	12	\$ 480	\$1532
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris, S. S.	119 N. Park st., Bellefontaine, Ohio	2			1	1	28	1	18	11	15	15	20	8	6	7	3	5	4	5	3	4	8	3	4	2	370	No				36	252		719						
Cedarville	W. R. Sterrett	Cor., Jamestown, Ohio	2						30		15		40	27	45	12	12	8	5	4	2	3	12	9	6	8	420	No				b10	104		715							
Cincinnati	F. P. Reade	2315 Wheeler st., Cincinnati	3	4	5	2	2	60	114	36	168	344	50	24	24	12	8	19	7	17	32	32	446	17				1370	Yes				42	802	f2	2976						
Cletherton	A. A. Logan	Cor., Hetherton, Mich.	5	3	3	2	1	54	70	12	57	86	39	14	12	7	6	7	3	4	3	15	9	7			680	No				14	223		1146							
Jonathan's Creek	Foster George	Cor., White Cottage, Ohio	3	2			1	36	44		49	25	19	13	12	9	8	6	3	8	11	16	6	17	4		765	No				10	175		1146							
New Concord	John Coleman	New Concord, Ohio	5	4	1	1		2	62	1	60		55	36	39	19	20	8	7	4	2	8	8	15	9	18		700	No			25	653		1500							
Ray	Wilson Duguid	Cor., Ray, Ind.	2	1					26				3							100			106				343	No				126		693								
Southfield	R. E. Wilson, S.S.	614 Ann st., Birmingham, Mich.	2	5	2		4	1	61		55		47	46	17	16	13	6	8	13	12	16		13	8	5	10	640	No			10	474		1344							
United Miami	B. Hargrave	Huntsville, O., Route 2	6	5	2	7	1	117	2	90	40	179	139	37	43	40	28	16	15	12	10	150	23	19	21		800	Yes			321	h219		2092								
Utica Mission	D. B. Martin	Utica, Ohio	3				2	1	68	1	110	30	26	42	20	2					2	3	3	123	17	3	7		1060				6	1678		3928						
Fairgrove Mission	Mrs. J. S. Wylie	Cor., Fairgrove, Mich.							12																																	
Londonderry Mission	S. W. Morrison	Cor., Freeport, Ohio																																								
Muskm & Tomles	John Robison	Cor., Dresden, Ohio																																								
	E. C. Mitchell	Lo Ting, South China																																								
	T. C. Spronell	7116 Race-st., Pittsh'gh, Pa.																																								
	D. O. Jack	Evansville, Ind.																																								
	W. S. Fulton	Cedarville, Ohio																																								
	W. C. Coleman	U. S. Army																																								
No. congregations..11	No. Ministers..12	Totals	36	24	11	10	12	8	601	6	599	142	708	827	320	149	142	81	63	174	49	72	155	161	117	103	16	7933		3	119	5198	221	16789								
Decrease due to merging of rail.			Estimated.			Adult.			for State Prohibition Campaign.			\$124 for Armenian and Syrian Relief.			Literary Fund.			Armenian Relief																								

Pacific Coast.

Hemet	J. S. Thompson	Hemet, Calif.	1	3	2	1	1	36	1	38	17	57	38	27	19	15	16	10	9	8	16	15	13	6	8									\$ 600	No	15	\$ 92715	\$1784
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	908 E. 25th st., Los Angeles	3	3	7	7	1	9	103	b5	130	37	432	425	580	78	78	67	24	60	24	29	100	102	18	54		6	1400	No		70	1147		4266			
Portland	F. D. Frazer	1206 Haight ave., Portland	3	4	2	1	2	32	1	96	31	60	112	53	17	16	15	7	10	7	14			78	7	14		3	700	No		16	388		1601			
Santa Ana	G. N. Greer	720 E. 3d st., Santa Ana	3	3	6	2	2	69		70	34	76	63	20	15	21	23	8	21	20			16	17	150	46	29	20		1600	No		23	402		1323		
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue ave., Seattle	5	5	7	4	3	119	1	250	37	300	350	150	84	40	32	10	61	16	17	151	100	10	30	6	1500	No			40	1383		4546				
No congregations..5	No. ministers..8	Totals	15	18	14	20	3	368	8	583	142	926	958	420	213	170	153	59	161	78	85	366	339	70	126	15	5200		178	4863		14219						
												a \$627 for Church Building.			b One Adult.																							

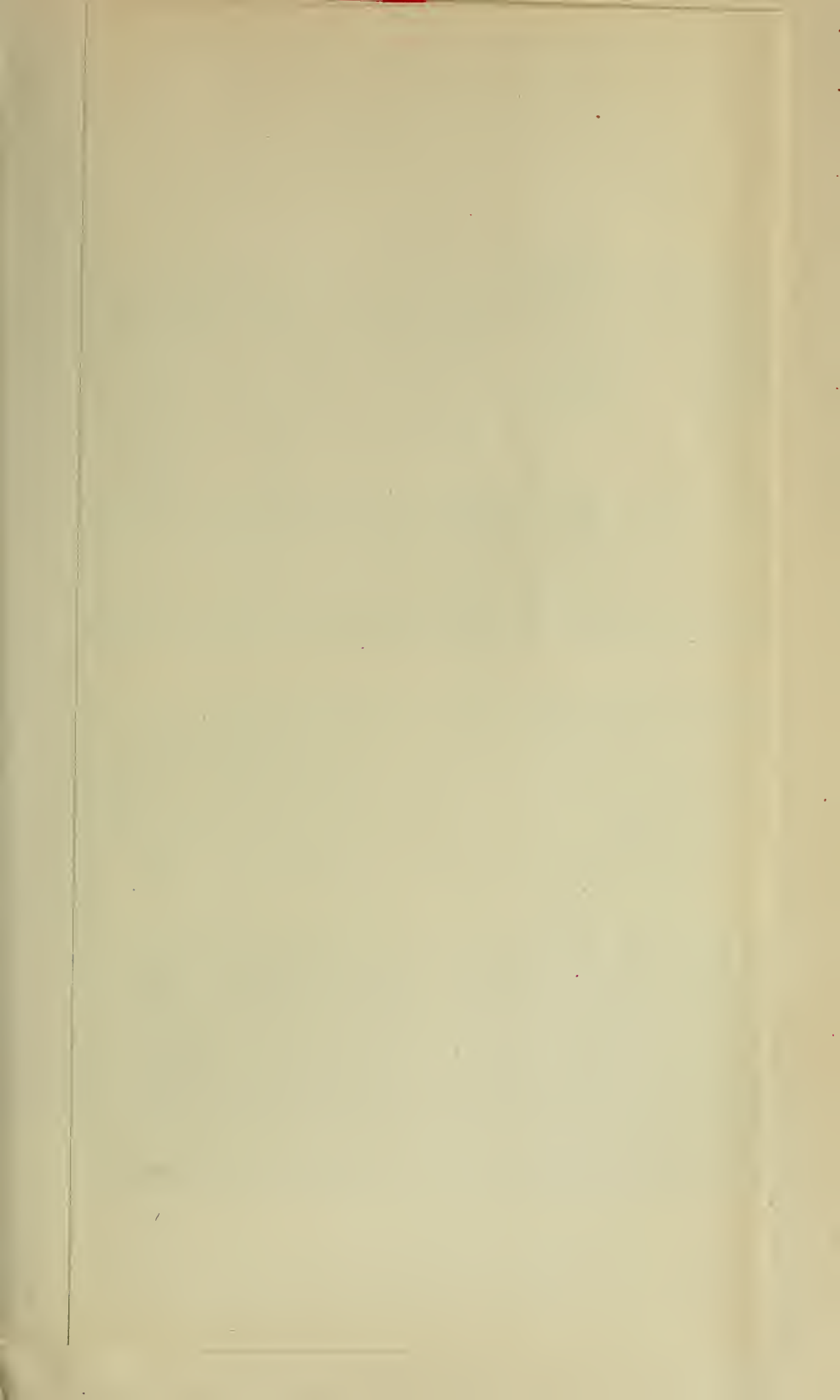
Philadelphia.

First	M. M. Pearce	215 Buckingham place	7	7	2	1	6	5	1771	4	1401	35	\$347	\$327	\$ 80	\$ 6	\$ 40	\$ 15	\$ 49	10	20	103	50	10	25			2009				2396		6653
Second	J. C. McPeeters	1838 Wallace st.	6		10	1	2	178		2	130	30	734	135	430	23	33	38	10	26	161	25	11	61	8	21		2009			70	2360		6967
Third	F. M. Wilson	2517 N. Franklin st.	5	7	7	1	3	5	193	10	319	40	1012	1823	348	228	226	176	47	166	56	79	1019	179	46	106		2509			89	3560		14571*
No. congregations..3	No. ministers..3	Totals	18	14	19	3	10	12	542	16	600	105	2698	5207	588	321	319	253	73	232	76	124	173	290	63	154		6508		189	8316		12611	

*Exclusive of many personal gifts.

			CONTRIBUTIONS																								Total					
CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. membership On profession	By death e. membership	Communi- cants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Young People's Sec. Membership	Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Zeneca College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers, Widows and Orphans Fund	Students Aid	Salary Paid by Con- gregation	Parsonage	Others	Miscellaneous	Y. M. C. A. Mission	Y. W. C. A. Mission	
Adamsville-Middle'n	R. J. McCracken, Cor	W. Sunbury, Pa. R. D. 2.	2				19	8																								
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	2225 Osagood st. Pittsburgh	5		6	5	9	120	6	250	50	521	619	891	116	259	66	32	103	8	80	128	83	149	27	71	\$ 189	No	11	42		22
Beaumont-Mahoning	Jas. Graham, Cor	McClure's Mills, R. D. 2, Clearfield Co. Pa.	5				42	30				63	59	22	30	19	16	4	8	50	2	28	3	7	1	310	Yes	20	125	23	775	
Beaver Falls	J. Boyd Tweed	Beaver Falls, Pa.	8	7	3	2	1	115	ni			27	123	22	20	74	15	6	15	400	15	26	22	10	9	1	1200	No	7	870	23	2877
Brookland	Edith Park, S. S.	Parnassus, Pa.	2	1			2	18																		290	No		60		260	
Cent. Allegheny	R. C. Reed	236 Langley, N. S., Pitts- burgh, Pa.	4			1	3	95	1	328	15	133	265	54	15	67	10	5	15	14	55	2000	2	3	10	1216	No				3364	
College Hill	I. W. Willson, Cor	3513 5th ave. Beaver Falls	6	6	3	3	9	172	2	243	165	328	88	47	86	31	9	43	11	35	918	26	202	20	3	717	No	30	3050	46	5538	
Connellsville	C. L. Slater	315 1st st. Beaver Falls	5	6	3	1	5	28		175	15	5	11	9	2	21	4	1	4	1	4	3	3	10	3	9	1	1440	Yes			4399
East End	E. K. Patton	417 Selma st. Pittsburgh	3	6	2	1	2	64	e1	140	20	36	123	16	12	36	7	6	15		19	19	15	4	8	1200	Yes	15	1058	73	2626	
Little Beaver	P. M. Ealey	240 S. Erie st. Mercer, Pa.	3	4	1	3	3	59	e1	25		38	24	9		8	5				35	20				1033	No				1644	
Merer	W. T. K. Thompson	240 S. Erie st. Mercer, Pa.	3	4	1	3	3	59	e1	25		38	24	9		8	5				35	20				1033	No				1644	
Millers Run	S. G. Conner	R. D. 1, McDonald, Pa.	6	4			1	447		1	60	34	74	51	23	23	12	7	11	4	6	9	16	9	12	875	No	32	3000	12	1502	
New Alexandria	D. C. Matthews	New Alexandria, Pa.	7	3	5	1	2	113	1	140	25	178	157	49	8	65	10	9	229	12	18	114	49	23	36	800	No	24	812		3146	
New Castle	E. A. Crooks	605 Oak st. New Castle, Pa.	7	7	14	5	416	6161	h4	259	35	250	116	221	104	56	44	17	10	39	18	226	25	6	21	1530	Yes	53	1113		4168	
North Union	A. A. Dickey, Cor	Valencia, Pa.	3				2	119			27	24	16	8	8	7	5	3	4	35	10	3	3	2	225	No	1	15		481		
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	3	1	8	2	1	50		65	56	42	36	4	30	10	7	5	3	4	35	10	3	3	2	256	No	14	70		481	
Union	S. J. White, Cor	Mosgrove, Pa.	3	1	1		32	3	25		56	42	36	4	30	10	7	5	3	4	35	10	3	3	2	256	No	14	70		481	
Wilkinsburg	Robert Park	Parnassus, Pa.	3	1	1		32	3	25		56	42	36	4	30	10	7	5	3	4	35	10	3	3	2	256	No	14	70		481	
Pittsburgh	T. H. Achson	117 W. McIntyre, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	5	3	1	3	75	2	110	20	91	141	112	56	56	53	2	60		9	12	40	5	13	1200	Yes	25	1019		2399		
Silver Rock	R. A. Blair	Rose Point, Pa.	4	6	3	5	238	181	2	32	50	928	868	713	146	161	79	50	260	55	38	689	186	35	89	2167	No	23	5676		12081	
Wilkinsburg	A. C. Coulter, Cor	303 James st. Wilkinsburg	4	1	3	1	2	39		48	52	424	538	311	138	288	69	36	87	38	60	284	158	31	114	4400	Yes	18	326		894	
Youngstown	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa.	3	1			219	134	1	70																	553	No		234		6780
Syrian Mission	T. J. Allen	5th ave. Beaver Falls																														
	A. Dodds	5th ave. Beaver Falls																														
	W. P. Johnston	College Hill, Beaver Falls																														
	Anthony Kourli	Maple ave. N. S., Pitts- burgh, Pa.	2				19																									
	T. S. Martin	Beaver Falls, Pa.																														
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	B. M. Sharp	408 Penn. Bldg., Pitts- burgh, Pa.																														
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	D. B. Willson	Buena Vista st. N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.																														
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	R. C. Wylie	119 W. McIntyre, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.																														
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	Robert Clarke	Beaver Falls, Pa.																														
	S. J. Crowe	318 Shaw st. New Castle																														
	John Yates	Parnassus, Pa.																														
	S. B. Houston	1603 Morrell ave. Connells- ville, Pa.																														

No congregations. 24 No ministers. 38
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Almonte	James McCune.	Almonte, Ontario	4	1	1	1	1	70	65	2	65	387	180	666	39	40	26	13	26	17	16	14	28	11	33	7	16	1390	Yes	6	113	518	2406
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Syracuse	A. A. Wylie.	109 DeWitt ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	4	1	1	1	1	77	77	2	82	24	166	88	72	40	39	7	6	12	5	5	3	29	7	17	1300	No	30	829	2628		
York	W. J. Sanderson.	York, N. Y.	5	1	1	1	1	77	77	2	82	24	166	88	72	40	39	7	6	12	5	5	3	29	7	17	1300	No	30	829	2628		
	Wm. McFarland.	224 W. Lafayette ave., Syracuse, N. Y.	5	1	1	1	1	77	77	2	82	24	166	88	72	40	39	7	6	12	5	5	3	29	7	17	1300	No	30	829	2628		
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SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1918.

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Total	Literary Fund	Miscellaneous	Others	Parsonages	Salary Paid by Congregation	Students' Aid	Ministers' Widows' and Orphans Fund	Temperance	Witness Bearing	National Reform	Aged People's Home	Church Erection	Theological Seminary	Jewish Mission	Indian Mission	Southern Mission	Domestic Mission	Mission in China	Syrian Mission	Y. P. S. Membership	S. S. Enrollment	Baptisms	Communicants	By Dismissal	Dec. membership	By certificate	Inc. membership	By Profession	Deacons	Elders	Ministers	Congregations	PRESBYTERIES.
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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD— Term Expires.

R. C. Montgomery, D. D., S. A. S. Metheny, M. D., W. G. Carson, Joseph M. Steele....	1919
R. M. Somerville, D. D., A. A. Samson, D. D., M. M. Pearce, D. D., Rev. J. W. F. Carilsle, Rev. R. A. Blair.....	1920
F. M. Foster, Ph. D., J. C. McFeeters, D. D., F. M. Wilson, D. D., Rev. J. Burt Willson, R. J. Bole, S. R. Boggs.....	1921

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W. J. Coleman, D. D., R. C. Wylie, D. D., Rev. R. C. Reed, A. C. Coulter.....	1920
Rev. Robert Park, R. H. Martin, D. D., Rev. E. K. Patton, J. S. Tibby.....	1921

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F. M. Wilson, D. D., M. M. Pearce, D. D.,	

Ralph Duncan	1920
J. C. McFeeters, D. D., William G. Carson, Daniel Adams	1921

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J. M. Allen, William Blair, Oliver Wylie.....	1920
George A. McKee, William J. Ward, Robert M. Young	1921

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Pa., on the second Thursday of February, May, Au-
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Rev. E. L. McKnight, W. J. Marshall.....	1920
Rev. S. E. Greer, R. J. Allen.....	1921
Rev. H. G. Patterson, S. O. Carson.....	1922

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R. M. Sommerville, D. D., T. H. Acheson, D. D., D. B. Willson, D. D., Rev. Robert Park,	

Rev. E. K. Patton, John R. Steele..... 1920
Charles McElhinney, W. R. Sterrett..... 1921

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Thomas McFall, Rev. W. J. Sanderson, Rev.
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Rev. G. M. Robb, Rev. W. O. Ferguson,
Rev. W. C. Allen, Rev. J. G. McElhinney,
Rev. S. E. Greer, J. D. McAnlis..... 1920
A. Kilpatrick, D. D., R. C. Wylie, D. D., R. J.
G. McKnight, D. D., Rev. E. K. Patton,
Rev. J. B. Willson, Rev. R. Hargrave, Geo.
A. McKee, James S. Tibby..... 1921

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September and December

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Theological Seminary.—J. S. Tibby, 408 Penn Build-
ing, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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